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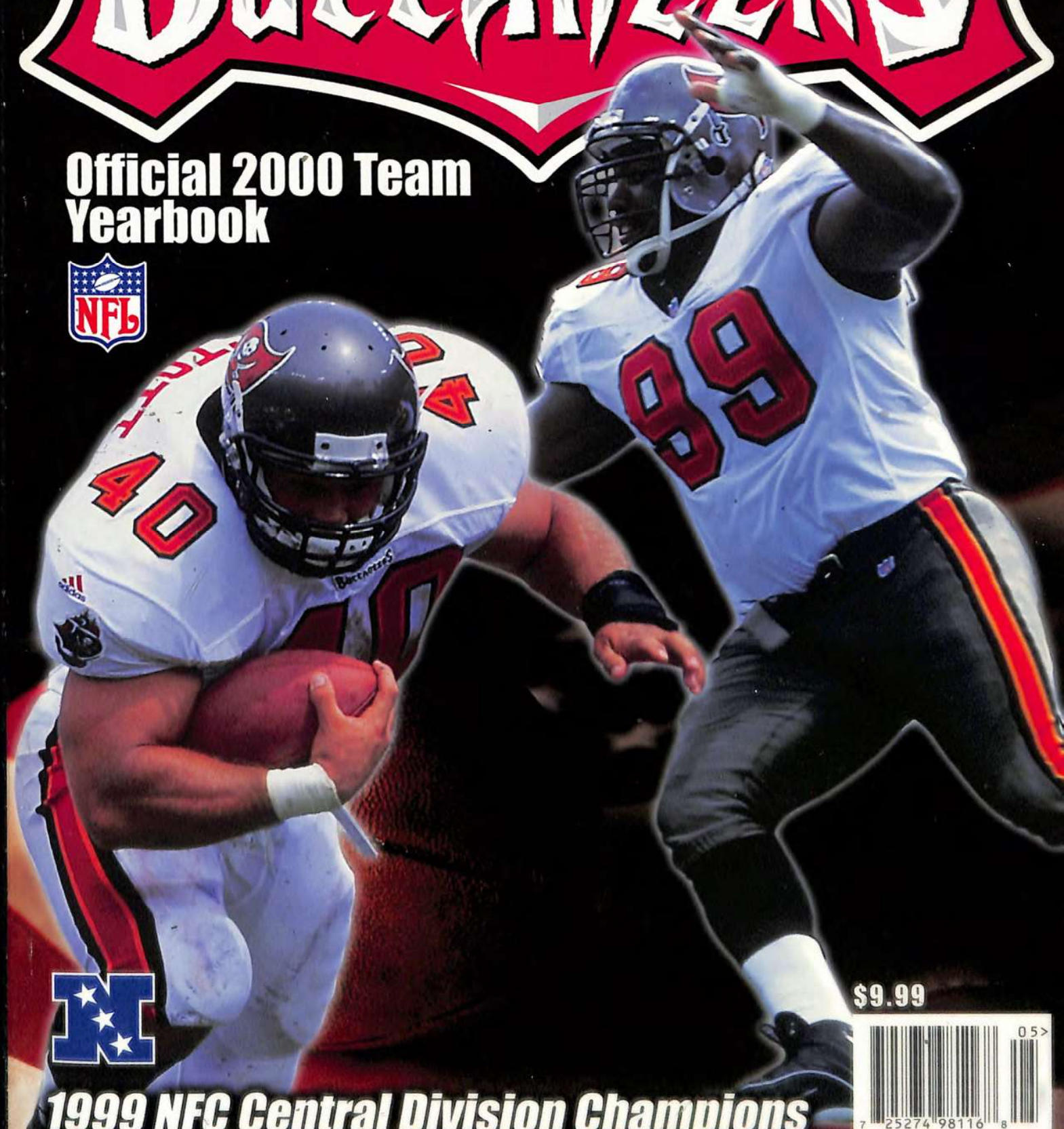

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Sunday, August 20		at New England	4 p.m.*
Friday, August 25		KANSAS CITY	7:30 p.m.

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Sunday, September 10		CHICAGO	1 p.m.
Sunday, September 17		at Detroit	1 p.m.
Sunday, September 24		N.Y. JETS	4:15 p.m.*
Sunday, October 1		at Washington	4:15 p.m.*
Monday, October 9		at Minnesota	9 p.m.*
Sunday, October 15		BYE	
Thursday, October 19		DETROIT	8:20 p.m.*
Sunday, October 29		MINNESOTA	1 p.m.
Sunday, November 5		at Atlanta	1 p.m.
Sunday, November 12		GREEN BAY	4:15 p.m.*
Sunday, November 19		at Chicago	1 p.m.
Sunday, November 26		BUFFALO	1 p.m.
Sunday, December 3		DALLAS	1 p.m.
Sunday, December 10		at Miami	1 p.m.
Monday, December 18		ST. LOUIS	9 p.m.*
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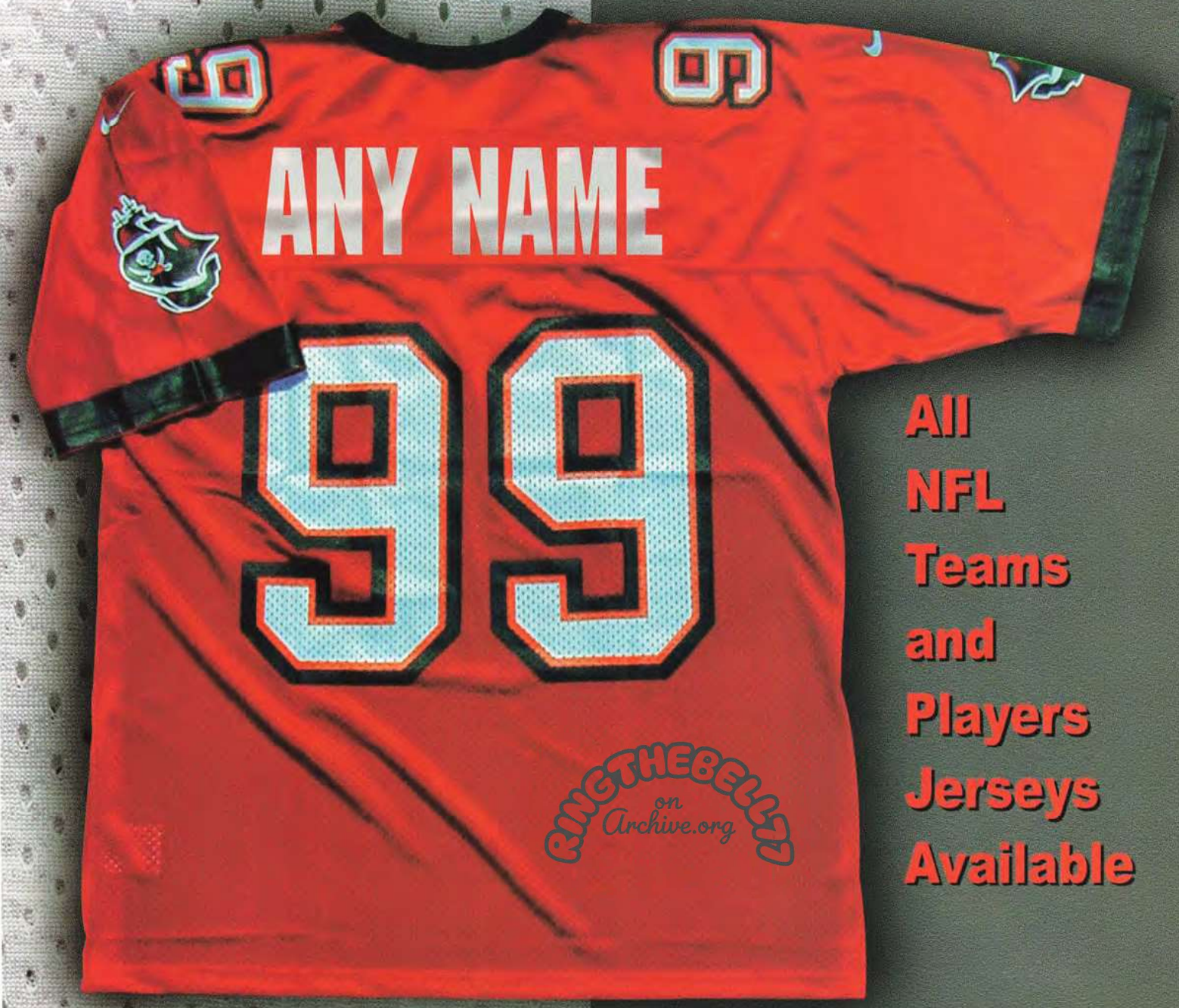

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It turned out to be a performance worthy of Halloween.

The Tampa Bay Buccaneers lost 20-3 at Detroit last October 31, frightening their fans back home with a startling string of miscues and missed tackles. The defeat dropped the Bucs to 3-4, causing some grumbling amongst the natives. What was wrong with this team? Drastic changes were insinuated around town. One columnist suggested the Bucs might not win another game the rest of the way.

But Tony Dungy didn't panic. He knew there was something he liked about this team. And there was still time to silence the critics.

"I'd been through some things like that before," the Bucs head coach says. "I was disappointed, but I wasn't overly concerned. We were sitting at 3-4 and we hadn't played good football. I just felt we needed to get back to the basics.

"If we started playing like we were capable of playing, there was still a lot of football left."

Nine games, to be exact. The Bucs won eight of them.

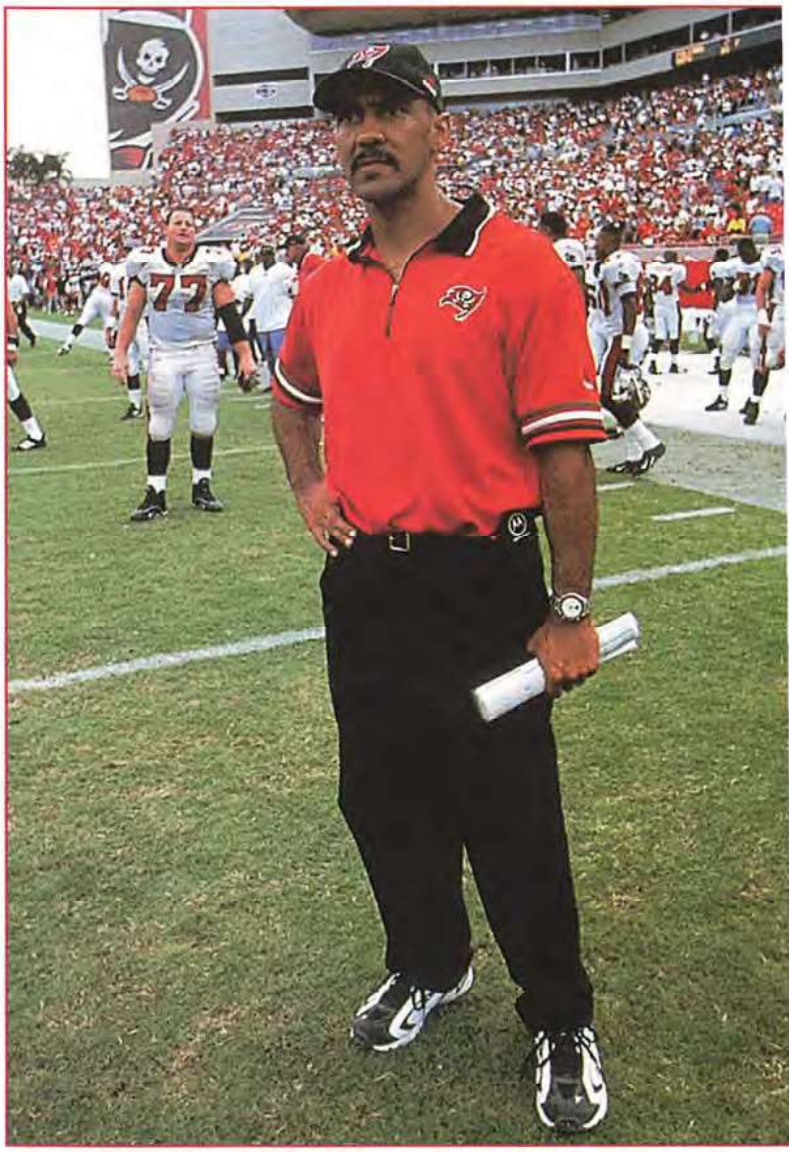
And those eight victories propelled the Bucs to their first NFC Central Division title in 18 seasons. They won a club-record 11 regular-season games, the last four with a rookie quarterback at the helm. Their seven home wins also set a franchise mark. Then Tampa Bay rallied from a 13-0 deficit to defeat Washington 14-13 in the divisional playoff round, vaulting the Bucs to their first NFC Championship Game appearance in 20 years. Tampa Bay, a 14-point underdog to St. Louis, nearly pulled off the upset before succumbing 11-6.

What to do for an encore? Easy. Just get to Super Bowl XXXV, which happens to be at Raymond James Stadium this January. No NFL team has ever played for the Vince Lombardi Trophy in its own stadium, but many think Tampa Bay has a realistic shot.

The Bucs' smothering defense, which boasts three All-Pros in LB Derrick Brooks, S John Lynch and DT Warren Sapp, loses just one starter from a season ago. Tampa Bay's offense, which many considered the team's Achilles heel in 1999, adds three Pro Bowlers to the lineup in C Jeff Christy, WR Keyshawn Johnson and G Randall McDaniel.

"I think we've got most of the pieces in place," Dungy says. "Now it's a matter of putting it all together, making sure we have the right attitude and getting off to a good start."

That will be a challenge with a schedule that features seven 1999 playoff teams and four road trips in the first six weeks. But while being one of the preseason hunted might seem foreign to this franchise, it's an enviable position to claim. Here's a position-by-position look at the 2000 Buccaneers.



Tony Dungy is looking to lead the Buccaneers to their third playoff berth in four years.

QUARTERBACKS

Funny how your life can change in an instant. On November 28 of last year, Shaun King walked out on the Kingdome turf with his hat on backwards and a clipboard in his hand, just like he had done for the previous 10 weeks of the season. The rookie QB was firmly entrenched as Tampa Bay's signal-caller of the future. Then, on the second play of the second half, Trent Dilfer's shoulder was slammed to the ground. The future was accelerated.

King calmly hit the field and directed the Bucs to a 16-3 win over the Seahawks. The following week, he engineered a Monday Night win over Minnesota before

RB Warrick Dunn paced Tampa Bay with 64 receptions last season.

a raucous home crowd, just miles from where he grew up. The football nation took notice.

King eventually compiled a 4-1 record as a starter, helping the Bucs capture their first NFC Central title since 1981. He then rallied Tampa Bay to a 14-13 divisional playoff win over Washington, becoming the first rookie signal-caller to win a postseason game since the Rams' Pat Haden in 1976. Counting playoffs, King completed 117 of 207 passes for 1,195 yards, with eight TDs and seven INTs.

But, in a sense, the honeymoon is over. King is no longer a rookie QB and now enters his second season as the unquestioned leader of this offense. And with that mantle comes some expectations.

"Shaun has had a good offseason," Dungy says. "And he got a chance to play in eight games last season, which is a big benefit to a rookie. Hopefully, he can use that experience to catapult into the second year."

King can only benefit from working with new offensive coordinator Les Steckel, who spent three years grooming Steve McNair at Tennessee.

Backing up King will be six-year veteran Eric Zeier, who started the aforementioned game at Detroit before suffering a rib injury. Zeier has started 12 career games and completed 55.8 percent of his career tosses. Scott Milanovich returns after serving as the third-string QB the last games of 1999. The Bucs also drafted Georgia Tech product Joe Hamilton in the seventh round. Hamilton was runner-up to Wisconsin's Ron Dayne in the 1999 Heisman Trophy balloting.

"We're very happy to have Eric here," Dungy says. "He gives us a solid guy at the second slot. And we're excited about drafting Joe Hamilton."

RUNNING BACKS

Tampa Bay still boasts one of the most lethal running combinations in the league in RB Warrick Dunn and FB Mike Alstott. Both backs topped 1,000 yards from scrimmage last season, the only backfield duo to do so.

Dunn missed most of preseason with a hamstring injury and never seemed to get his running game fully in gear. He still managed to rack up 616 yards and became a serious threat in the passing game, snagging a team-high 64 passes for 589 yards and two TDs.

"I think the injury affected him to a certain extent," Dungy says. "He wasn't able to get into his training regiment in the offseason so I think he was always playing catch-up. There were very few games where he was completely healthy."

Alstott earned his third consecutive Pro Bowl berth and first-team All-Pro nod last season. He led the team with a career-high 949 yards and scored all seven of Tampa Bay's rushing TDs. Alstott will still get plenty of carries, but look for him to line up frequently in the H-back slot, much like Steckel used Titans TE Frank Wycheck.

"Our challenge is how we're going to use Warrick and Mike," Dungy says. "I think Mike is going to be used more in a combination running back/H-back role. Warrick will be used more as a runner, but we still want to do some things to get him the ball in the open field."

The Bucs signed Jerry Ellison in the offseason. Ellison played for New England last year after four seasons in Tampa. Rabih Abdullah will battle Ellison for the right to spell Dunn. Kevin McLeod played well backing up Alstott last season.

"Jerry and Rabih should be a good battle for the backup running back spot," Dungy says. "We also need someone to back up Mike in that H-back/fullback role and we've got a bunch of tight ends to look at, as well as Kevin McLeod."

WIDE RECEIVERS

Tampa Bay's passing game ranked 30th in the league last season, but Johnson should trigger a swift climb back up the ladder.

Johnson, acquired from the New York Jets for two

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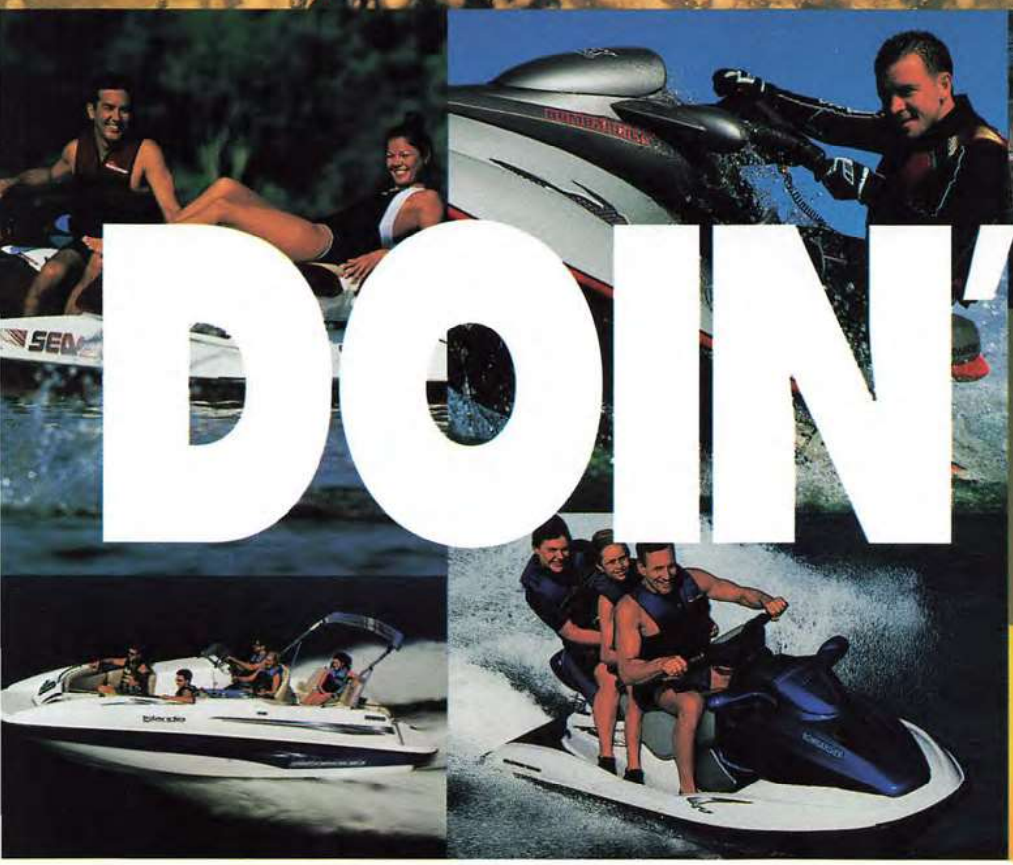

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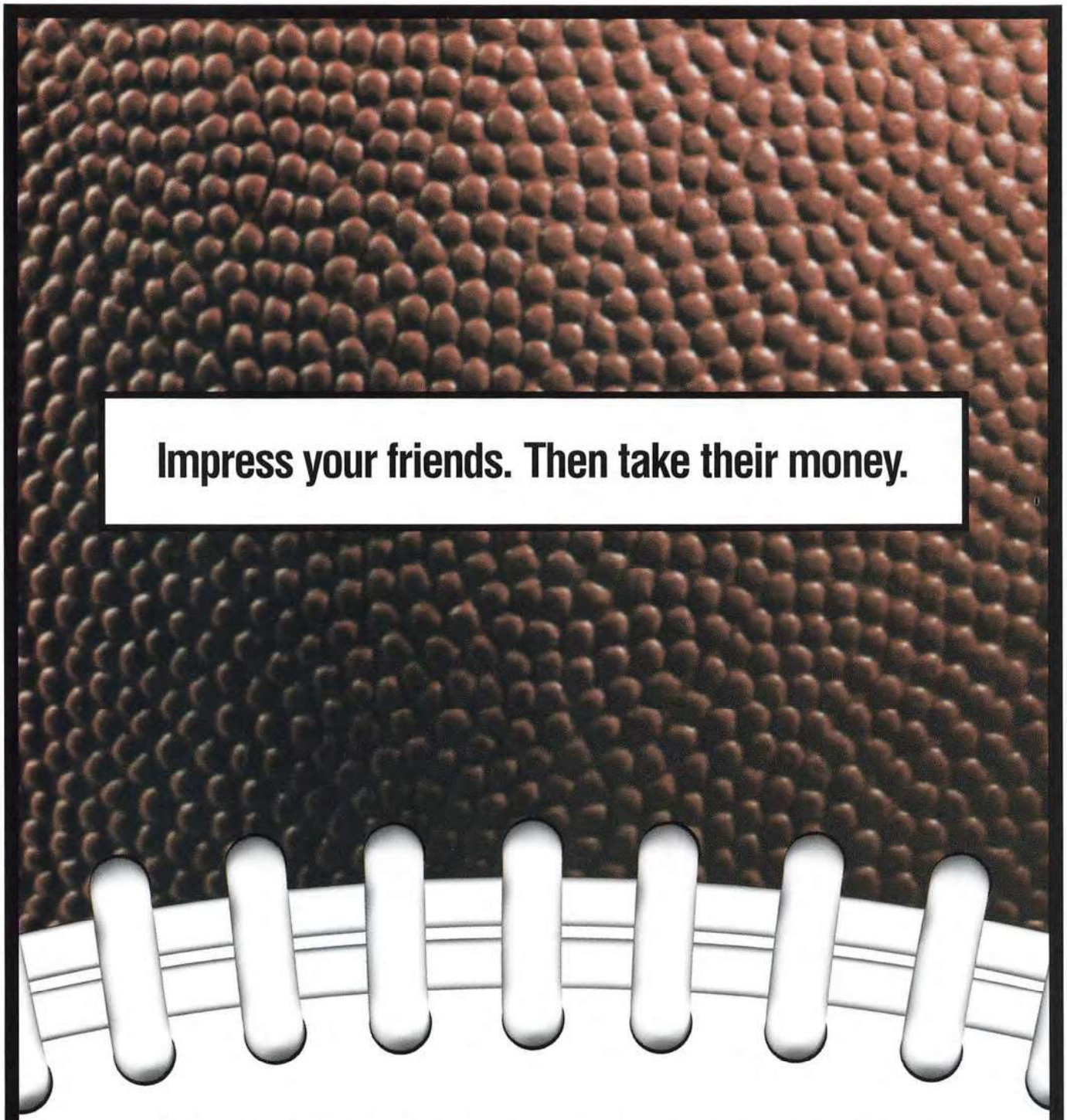

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first-round picks, has hauled in 305 passes in his first four NFL seasons. Only Marvin Harrison (Colts, 311, 1996-99) and Andre Rison (Falcons, 308, 1989-92) caught more balls in their first four seasons in the league. Johnson registered a career-high 89 catches for 1,170 yards and eight scores last season. He can boast 31 career TD receptions.

"Obviously, adding Keyshawn was the big bonus of the offseason," Dungy says. "We feel like we're getting a guy that is playing at the highest level you can play. But it's important for our other guys to step up their level of play."

Jacquez Green had a breakthrough season in 1999 and should benefit from opposing defenses keeping their collective eye on Johnson. Green hauled in a career-high 56 catches for 791 yards and three TDs in his second NFL campaign. He was the offensive catalyst for Tampa Bay's second-half surge.

"Jacquez burst onto the scene the second half of the year and gave us a lot of deep balls," Dungy says.

After catching just 30 passes last season, fourth-year pro Reidel Anthony is looking to regain his form of 1998, when he posted 51 receptions and scored seven times. Tampa Bay also has second-year pros Darnell McDonald and Yo Murphy in its receiving stable.

"Reidel should bounce back," Dungy says. "And we've got some young guys that should fit into this offense. I think the receiver position is going to be strong for us."

TIGHT ENDS

The Bucs re-signed TE Dave Moore during the offseason. Moore paced the team with five TD receptions among his 23 catches last year. But he should get more balls thrown his way in Steckel's offense.

"Dave and the other tight ends will get more involved in this offense than they were in the past," Dungy says. "I think they'll get a chance to catch the ball more, move around a little more. It should be the type of offense that Dave can flourish in."

Patrick Hape returns for his fourth season. Hape caught five passes and did a solid blocking job last year, sometimes lining up in the backfield with Alstott. The Bucs added former Patriots TE Lovett Purnell and Henry Lusk in the offseason, then drafted Kentucky's James Whalen in the fifth round. Whalen set a single-season NCAA mark for TEs with 90 catches his senior season.

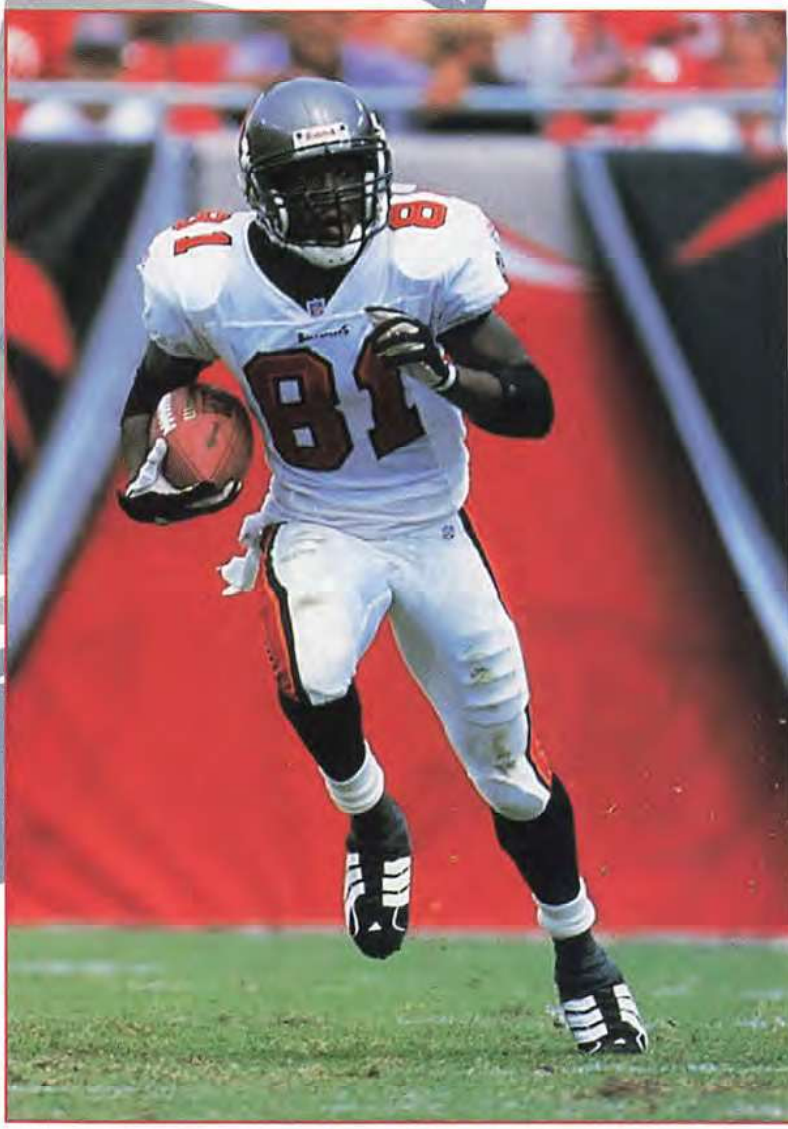
"We've got to find some guys that are versatile, that not only can play tight end, but H-back as well," Dungy says. "That will be our challenge heading into camp."

OFFENSIVE LINE

Tampa Bay added some major muscle up front by signing two former Minnesota Pro Bowlers – C Jeff Christy and G Randall McDaniel.

Christy has been the NFC's starting center in the past two Pro Bowls. McDaniel has started 11 consecutive Pro Bowls, an NFL record for consecutive Pro Bowl starts. His 170 consecutive regular-season starts rank second among active players.

"Our offensive line is probably as strong as it's been since we've been here," Dungy says. "Having McDaniel and Christy here, providing experience and leadership, that's going to be a big plus for us."



WR Jacquez Green averaged more than 14 yards per catch in 1999.

McDaniel will line up at LG opposite fourth-year pro Frank Middleton, who started all 16 games at RG for the second consecutive season. Jerry Wunsch started the final 13 games at RT after Jason Odom landed on injured reserve with a back injury. Odom was re-signed during the offseason, and is looking to shift to the left side. Pete Pierson did a solid job in Paul Gruber's place at LT during the playoffs. Tampa Bay also added Tennessee All-America G Cosey Coleman in the draft.

"Pete played in two playoff games, we've got Jason back from his injury and we drafted Cosey in the second round," Dungy says. "We just have more big, solid athletes than we've ever had."

DEFENSIVE LINE

The Bucs boast arguably the league's most formidable defensive front, paced by reigning AP NFL Defensive Player of the Year Warren Sapp.

Sapp, entering his sixth year at DT, turned in a career performance last season. Vowing to re-dedicate himself after a self-proclaimed sub-par 1998 campaign, Sapp racked up 12½ sacks en route to his third consecutive Pro Bowl. He added 54 tackles, three forced fumbles and two fumble recoveries. The sack total was just one-half shy of Lee Roy Selmon's club record.

"If he comes back at 295 pounds, he'll have a chance to be player of the year again," Dungy says.

Sapp's primary partner in crime is NT Brad Culpepper, who paced the line with 72 tackles last season. He also added six sacks, one for a safety. DE Chidi Ahanotu posted 63 stops and 6½ sacks, while first-year starter Steve White flourished in the postseason, collecting 11 tackles, two sacks, one forced fumble and one INT in two playoff games.

Tampa Bay's back-up linemen could start for many teams. DE Marcus Jones dropped opposing QBs seven times in 1999 after notching just one sack in his first three seasons. First-round pick Anthony McFarland rotated with Culpepper and Sapp and should see increased action this year. DE John McLaughlin is a terror on special teams.

"We go in with seven solid guys that have played a lot of football for us," Dungy says. "That's one of our strengths, being able to rotate those guys through. Our defense starts up front."

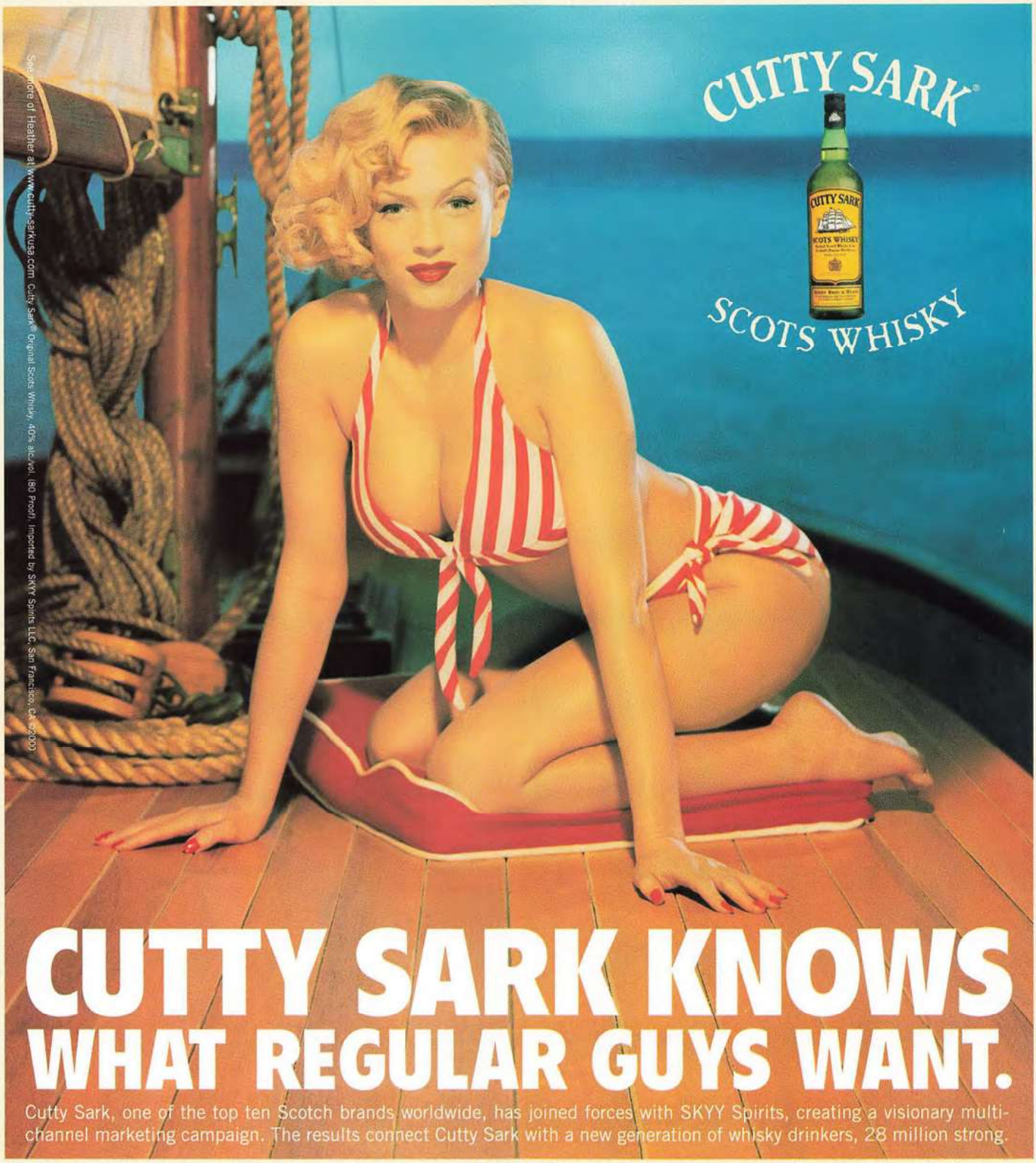
LINEBACKERS

Tampa Bay emphasizes speed on defense and LB Derrick Brooks might be the poster boy for the Bucs' wrecking ball philosophy. Long considered one of the league's fastest LBs, Brooks is fast becoming the NFL's best LB.

Linebacker Derrick Brooks has been selected to three consecutive Pro Bowls.

"He makes a lot of big plays," Dungy says. "From our vantage point, Derrick does things that most other linebackers can't do. Putting together another consistent season and becoming that top linebacker, I'm sure that's a goal of his."

Brooks racked up 180 tackles in 1999, becoming the first Buccaneer to record three consecutive seasons of 180 or more tackles. He also added a career-high four INTs. Brooks mans his customary weakside slot, while Shelton Quarles returns to the opposite side, after recording 57 tackles in his initial season as



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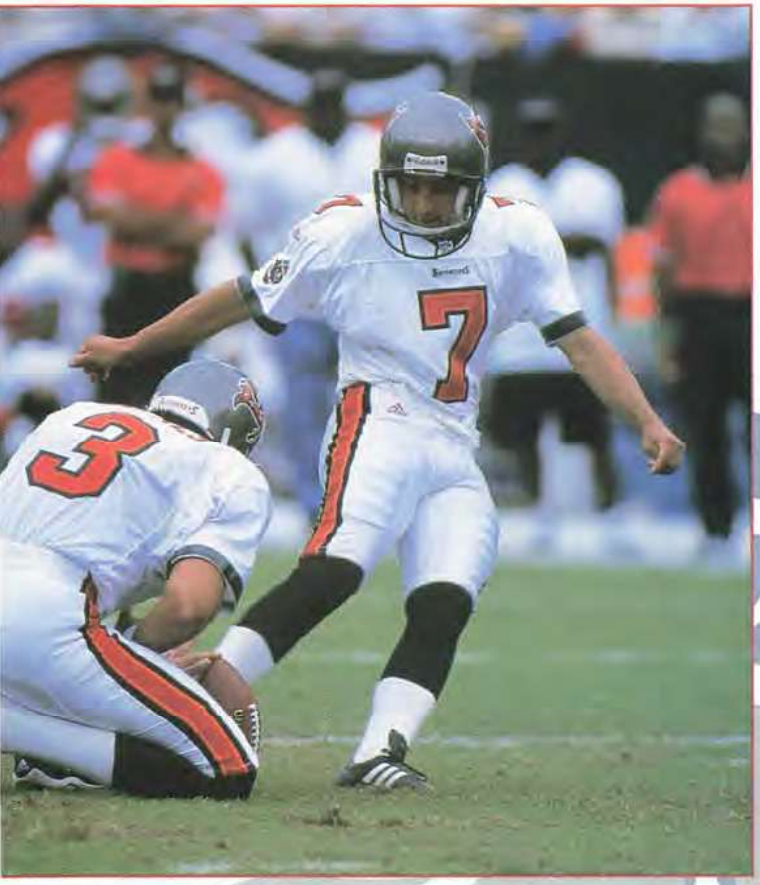

Martin Gramatica racked up a team-record 106 points last season.

starter. The lone change to the defense occurs in the middle, where third-year pro Jamie Duncan steps in for departed veteran Hardy Nickerson.

"We feel confident with Jamie in there," Dungy says. "It's not like we've got a rookie – Jamie is a third-year player and he played quite a bit for us in 1998."

Duncan spelled Nickerson the last six games of 1998, registering 46 tackles. The Bucs drafted Miami LB Nate Webster in the third round to back up Duncan. Al Singleton, who broke his foot in the playoffs, also returns.

"Al should be 100 percent by training camp," Dungy says. "And if that's the case, we'll feel very good about our linebacking corps."

SECONDARY

The Bucs' pass defense was again spectacular in 1999, ranking first in the NFC and second in the league. In the postseason, Tampa Bay held the NFL's top two offenses (St. Louis, Washington) to one combined TD through the air.

"I thought our guys really came on well in the second half of the season," Dungy says. "They started to create the turnovers that we needed. We pretty much have the same group coming back and that should benefit us."

LCB Donnie Abraham, perhaps the league's most underrated corner, is coming off a career season. He tied for the NFC lead with seven INTs, returning two for scores. The seven picks helped him rack up a club-record 31 passes defensed.

"We felt Donnie should have gone to the Pro Bowl off the year that he had," Dungy says. "Hopefully, he'll have a similar year and the recognition will come. But he's playing very well right now."

RCB Ronde Barber will start for the third consecutive season. He posted 74 tackles, two INTs and 16 passes defensed in 1999. Brian Kelly takes the field in the nickel package.

SS John Lynch earned his second Pro Bowl berth and first All-Pro nod last season after racking up 128 tackles and a career-best 14 passes defensed. FS Damien Robinson enters his second season as the starter after posting 95 tackles and two picks last season.

SPECIAL TEAMS

Some eyebrows were raised when Tampa Bay selected K Martin Gramatica in the third round of the 1999 draft. But Gramatica proved his worth, putting a club-record 106 points on the scoreboard. His 27 FGs also set a franchise mark. Gramatica hit 3 FGs from 50-plus yards, including a game-winning 53-yarder against Atlanta.

P Mark Royals, who re-signed during the offseason, also turned in a stellar season. Royals set a club record for gross punting average, averaging 43.13 yards per kick. He also booted 23 punts inside the 20.

"We're really sitting in good shape with our punting and kicking game," Dungy says. "In Mark and Martin, we feel like we've got guys who can do what we need to get done."

Joe Marciano's coverage units were also solid in 1999. Quarles set a team record with 31 special teams stops and Tampa Bay yielded a team-record 17.6 yards per kickoff return. But Dungy is looking for more production out of the return game heading into the 2000 season.

"Our coverage units were very good last year," Dungy says. "We've got to get back to where we were in 1998 in our return game. We went back and forth with different guys last year so I think we're going to look to settle on one or two guys this season. With Jacquez playing more, that may fall to Karl (Williams) and Yo Murphy."

Owner/President

Malcolm Glazer

On January 16, 1995, he stepped to the podium, smiled and promised a winner. The crowd nodded and presumably chuckled. Malcolm Glazer had just paid a record price for an NFL team, but it was a team that was mired in a futile cycle. In a bottom-line business, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers were consistently hitting bottom, winning only 30 percent of their games over 19 seasons of existence. Few thought Glazer could buck that trend.

Almost five years to the day, Malcolm I. Glazer stood in the southwest tunnel of the stadium he helped construct, joining a delirious crowd in watching his Buccaneers fend off Washington to advance to their first NFC Championship Game in 20 years. In 1999, Tampa Bay captured its first division title in 18 years, while setting club records with an 11-5 regular-season record and a 7-1 home mark. And although the Bucs fell a few minutes shy of their first Super Bowl appearance the following week in St. Louis, Tampa Bay is a prime contender to take that next step this winter, when Super Bowl XXXV will be played in its home yard.

"That was an amazing evening," Glazer says. "Our crowd was electric and I'm convinced that they helped fuel our magnificent fourth quarter comeback. That win was the direct result of years of tireless effort from our players, coaches and staff. Hopefully, we can go one step farther in 2000 and reward our fans with the ultimate Sunday spectacle."

Now the rest of the Tampa Bay community is smiling along with Glazer. In five years, the Buccaneers have vaulted from the NFL's basement to within reach of the penthouse. Known among his league peers as an innovative thinker, Glazer has infused his team and employees with the determination and dedication to be the best in the NFL. Glazer's commitment to building a championship organization has provided the foundation for the team's rapid rise on the field. That success has resulted in a level of popularity and support that is unmatched in franchise history. The Buccaneers can boast a 44-40 record and two playoff wins under Glazer's watch, easily the most successful stretch in club annals.

Glazer has successfully constructed a multi-faceted plan which calls for stable ownership, a talented coaching staff, knowledgeable personnel executives and a solid business partnership within the Tampa/St. Petersburg and Orlando communities. The most visible aspect of this plan's success is Tampa Bay's state-of-the-art Raymond James Stadium, which will host Super Bowl XXXV on January 28. Dubbed the "Crown Jewel of the NFL" by many league insiders, Raymond James Stadium offers an unmatched game-day atmosphere for fans and players alike. All 17 regular-season and playoff games at the stadium have been sellouts, and the Bucs can boast a gaudy 14-3 record at home.

"We said back in 1995 that with the help of Buccaneers fans in the Tampa Bay area, we would build a stadium the community would be proud of," Glazer says. "Raymond James Stadium is that promise come to fruition."

Now that the stadium is complete, Glazer has turned his attention to constructing the team's new training facility. The facility, to be located adjacent to Raymond James Stadium, will be a three-story building containing approximately 150,000 square-feet of space, a state-of-the-art strength training area, 2 1/2 practice fields, outdoor jogging paths and access control security outlets including a technologically advanced satellite link to the NFL office in New York City.

"Just like our stadium, our training facility and administrative offices will be among the finest in the NFL," Glazer says. "To ensure that our facility will be the best, we sent our football and administrative staffers to visit what we felt were the best NFL training facilities and, in some cases, the best collegiate facilities in the country. We instructed our people to take notes and photographs, and to design their respective areas the way they wanted them to be once the facility is finished. The information our people returned with was amazing. Our plan is to take that information, present it to the architects, and let them create the NFL's best training facility."

Financially and philosophically, Glazer and his sons continue to demonstrate how a franchise can change its identity from perennial also-rans into championship contenders both on and off the field. This past offseason, the Buccaneers proved to be major players in free

agency, signing three Pro Bowl players to boost their offense. Tampa Bay signed two-time Pro Bowl C Jeff Christy as an unrestricted free agent, then inked his former Vikings linemate, 11-time Pro Bowl G Randall McDaniel. And on the eve of the draft, Tampa Bay pulled off the biggest move of the free agency period, trading two first-round picks to the New York Jets for two-time Pro Bowl WR Keyshawn Johnson.

Couple those bold moves with some of Glazer's previous offseason maneuvers, and you have a solid football foundation for seasons to come. During the 1997 offseason, Glazer extended the contracts of head coach Tony Dungy, general manager Rich McKay and defensive tackle Warren Sapp, the reigning NFL Defensive Player of the Year. Glazer also provided the necessary financial support over the ensuing two years to allow McKay to extend the contracts of All-Pro FB Mike Alstott, All-Pro LB Derrick Brooks and All-Pro S John Lynch, as well as key contributors CB Donnie Abraham, DT Brad Culpepper and WR Karl Williams.

"We have and will continue to do all of the necessary things the team needs to do to win a championship," Glazer says. "We just have to remain focused and play up to our capabilities. The rest will take care of itself."

At the conclusion of the 1996 season, Glazer spearheaded massive changes at One Buccaneer Place, home of the team's administrative offices and practice facility, which included more than 20,000 square feet of new office space, a re-vamped season ticket and club seat purchasing operation, upgraded computers and more than 90 additional employees working to make the Buccaneers one of the most respected organizations in all of the professional sports.

Additionally, Glazer, after many years in business, continues to display his personal trademark of accomplishing the "impossible."

He devoted a significant amount of time working to make the organization more fan-friendly by greatly expanding fan activities at Buccaneer home games through the formation of the club's special events department in 1997. His mandate to increase player and coach visibility in the community was reflected in the more than 700 appearances made by Buccaneer players, coaches and front office officials last year, including nationally-acclaimed programs such as LB Derrick Brooks' "Brooks' Bunch" trip to Africa, RB Warrick Dunn's "Home for the Holidays" initiative and T Jerry Wunsch's "Jerry's Journey" program.

"It is important for us to succeed on the field, but I want us to be good citizens in our community as well," Glazer says. "We are role models. Children and adults look up to us. I want us to set the right example."

Glazer's input has been sought on the league level as well, as evidenced by his position on the NFL's Finance Committee, one of the most prestigious working groups of owners in the league.

Glazer, a resident of Palm Beach, Florida, is president and chief executive officer of First Allied Corporation. First Allied serves as a holding company for Glazer's varied business interests.

A true American success story, Glazer began working in his father's watch-parts business at the age of eight. When Glazer was 15, his father died and the son assumed responsibility for the family business and expanded it.

Glazer owns a diverse portfolio of nationwide investments whose interests include food service equipment, food packaging and food supplies, marine protein, broadcasting, health care, real estate, banking, natural gas and oil protection, Internet publications, stocks, government securities and corporate bonds. He has been profiled in The New York Times, USA Today, and Forbes Magazine, which stated the Glazer has "an eye for value."

Glazer's philanthropic and charitable activities have included significant local involvement with the Tampa Bay Sports Commission. Glazer and the Buccaneers have made a commitment to donate up to more than $2 million to the sports commission which will be used to promote the continued development of amateur sports in the Hillsborough and Pinellas counties.

During the 1999 offseason, Glazer launched the much-anticipated Glazer Family Foundation, which is dedicated to creating ways to benefit charitable and educational causes for the youth in the greater Tampa Bay community. The Foundation hosted more than 1,000 youth from more than 25 community organizations throughout the Tampa Bay and Central Florida region at Buccaneer home games last season.

"The Foundation provides us the opportunity to give back to the community that supports us in so many ways," Glazer says. "We concluded a very successful first year and look forward to broadening our outreach programs."

A resident of Palm Beach, Florida, Malcolm Glazer was born in Rochester, New York. He and his wife, Linda, have six children: Avram, Kevin, Bryan, Joel, Ed and Darcie.

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EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

Executive Vice President
Bryan Glazer

Entering his sixth season as the Executive Vice President of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Bryan Glazer's leadership has been instrumental in the team's ascension through the National Football League ranks. During Glazer's tenure, the club has become one of the most recognizable and successful franchises in the NFL, as well as one of the most technologically advanced clubs in all of professional sports.

An instrumental force in his family's purchase of the Buccaneers in 1995, Glazer has been the driving force in improving every aspect of the club's influence both nationally and in the Tampa/St. Petersburg communities. His commitment to the organization and the local community culminated with the club's effort in constructing the finest facility in professional sports – 66,000-seat Raymond James Stadium, which will host Super Bowl XXXV on January 28.

Along with brothers Joel and Edward, Bryan oversees the day-to-day operation of the entire franchise, including financial operations, marketing and communications. Since the purchase of the team, he has devoted a significant amount of his efforts to such massive projects as the development and construction of Raymond James Stadium, the overhaul of the team's logo, colors and uniforms and the restructuring and expansion of the Buccaneers' staff.

Since Glazer assumed his current role with the club, the Buccaneers have posted a 44-40 record, including two playoff wins – easily the most successful stretch in franchise annals.

During the construction of Raymond James Stadium, Glazer worked alongside stadium architects and contractors to produce his vision of what the premier stadium in the NFL should resemble. Glazer oversaw all phases of the construction of Raymond James Stadium, where the Buccaneers boast a 14-3 record, counting last January's divisional playoff win over Washington. The state-of-the-art stadium features such amenities as 19-inch wide seats with chairbacks, cupholders, and armrests, concourse televisions, full color replay boards at both ends of the stadium, one of the most sophisticated scoreboard systems in all of professional sports and the centerpiece of the stadium – the luxurious club seats and air-conditioned club lounges that made Tampa Bay's two-year home the envy of the NFL.

Glazer also created the club's "Pewter Partners" concept, which rewards the Buccaneers' 15 corporate sponsors with deeper advertising packages, reduced advertising clutter and unprecedented customer service.

In 1996-97, Glazer worked closely with designers and graphic artists from NFL Properties in New York and Los Angeles to develop and refine the Buccaneers' new logo, which was successfully unveiled before an estimated crowd of 5,000 frenzied Buccaneer fans at the Tampa Bay Convention Center on April 9, 1997.

The new logo, which drew rave reviews from such national media outlets as USA Today, Fox Sports, The New York Times, and The Washington Post, consists of a skull and crossed swords on a blood-red, wind swept flag that is displayed on unique pewter-colored helmets. The modifications, based on research of Caribbean buccaneer history, were the first significant changes to the logo and uniform in the team's 22-year history.

A native of Rochester, the 35-year-old Glazer makes countless community and charitable appearances on behalf of the organization, and is a member of the Board of Directors of the Ronald McDonald House, the Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center and Florida 2012, the organization working to bring the 2012 Summer Olympic Games to the Tampa Bay and Central Florida area. Glazer earned his bachelor's degree in broadcast communications from American University in 1986 prior to completing his law degree from Whittier College School of Law in 1989.

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Executive Vice President
Joel Glazer

Strengthening the business side of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers organization has become the primary focus of sixth-year Executive Vice President Joel Glazer. Glazer has played a prominent role in the club's dynamic new look since his arrival, along with overseeing the design and construction of what NFL insiders call the "crown jewel of the NFL," Raymond James Stadium. Glazer, along with his brothers Bryan and Edward, oversee every facet of the Buccaneers' non-football operations, including sales, marketing, communications, accounting and ticket operations.

Since Glazer assumed his current role with the club, the Buccaneers have posted a 44-40 record and two playoff wins – easily the most successful stretch in franchise annals.

Glazer, who represents the club at all NFL meetings, played a pivotal role in the franchise's successful effort to gain approval for the construction of Raymond James Stadium, which will host Super Bowl XXXV on January 28. He was also the organization's chief organizer of the highly successful Charter Seat Deposit campaign and played a key role in the conception, design and construction of the state-of-the-art luxury suites located in Raymond James Stadium.

Additionally, Glazer spent a significant amount of time at the construction site of the new stadium in an effort to ensure the Buccaneers would be playing in the finest stadium in the NFL. His vision of what the elite NFL stadium should resemble came to fruition on September 20, 1998, when the Buccaneers defeated the Chicago Bears 27-15 in their inaugural game at Raymond James Stadium. In two seasons, the Buccaneers can boast an impressive 14-3 mark in their new home, including a 14-13 divisional playoff win before a record crowd of 65,835 last January.

Fueled by Glazer's efforts, Raymond James Stadium offers fan-friendly amenities that remain unmatched throughout the league. The stadium features 19-inch wide seats with chairbacks, cupholders and armrests, concourse televisions, full color replay boards at both ends of the stadium, one of the most sophisticated scoreboard systems in all of professional sports and the centerpiece of the stadium – the luxurious club seats and air-conditioned club lounges that made Tampa Bay's home the envy of the NFL. The stadium has been lauded by fans, teams and the media alike over the past two years. Glazer is currently overseeing the final plans for the Buccaneers' new administrative offices and training facility. If Raymond James Stadium is an accurate barometer, the Buccaneers' new training facility should rank second to none among NFL complexes.

Glazer also oversees the club's corporate sponsorship packages, local radio and television contracts, stadium signage and outdoor signage related to Buccaneer staff, coaches and players.

Since moving to Tampa in 1995, Glazer has been an active member of the Tampa Bay Super Bowl Task Force, which succeeded in bringing Super Bowl XXXV back to the Bay Area. In addition, he is a member of the Tampa Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and the Outback Bowl Advisory Committee.

Before his family purchased the Buccaneers in 1995, Glazer worked as Vice President of First Allied Corporation, the family's holding company for its diversified business entities. Glazer sought out and negotiated new commercial real estate acquisitions for the company.

Glazer, 33, earned his bachelor's degree in interdisciplinary studies from American University in 1989. The Rochester, New York native is single and lives in Tampa.

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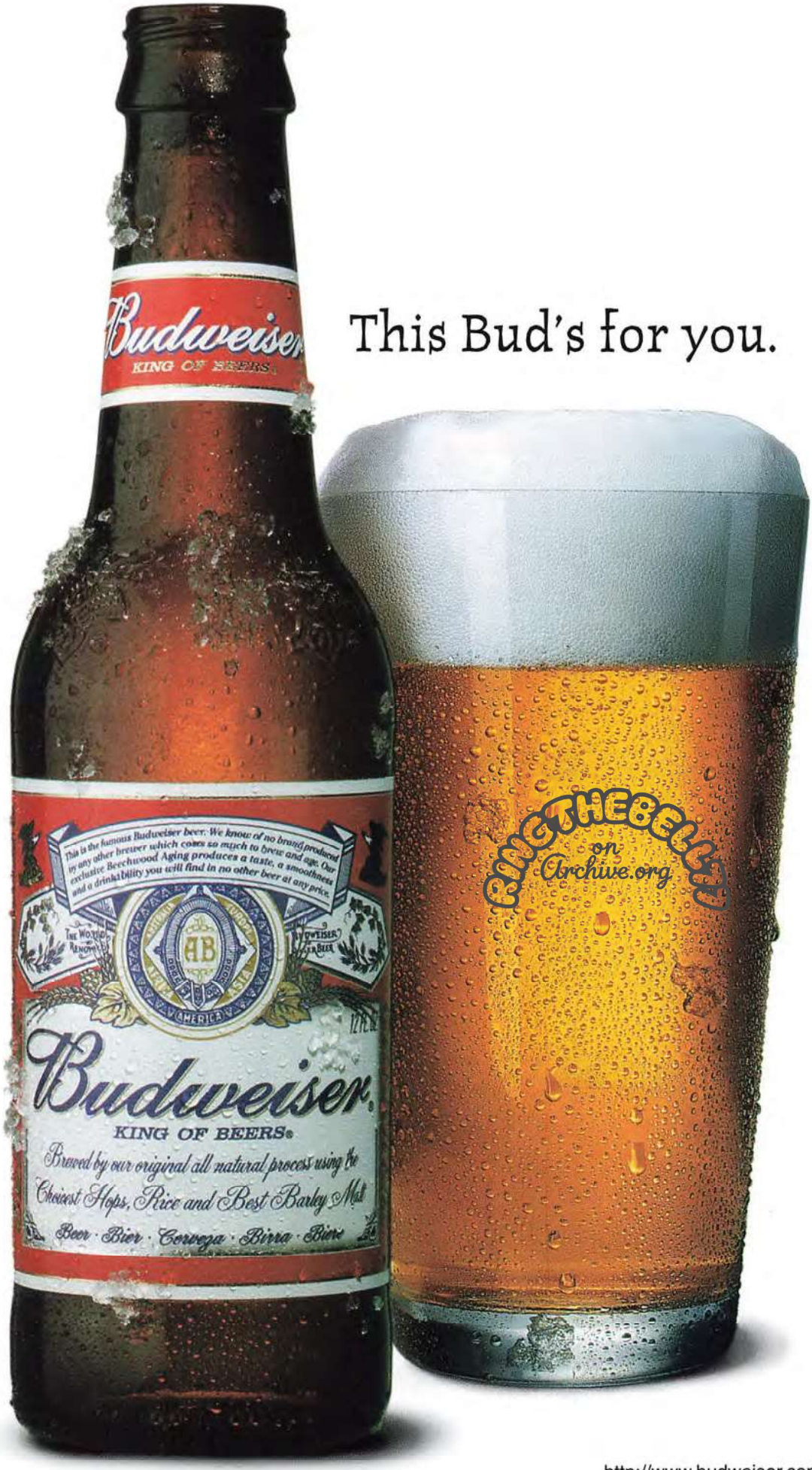
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EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

Executive Vice President
Edward Glazer

Since joining the club as Executive Vice President in 1997, Edward Glazer has made significant contributions to the Buccaneers and the Tampa Bay community. Overseeing all aspects of the club's administrative offices, Glazer has aggressively worked to implement comprehensive improvements at each level of the organization.

In 1999, Glazer spearheaded the development, design and construction of www.buccaneers.com, the team's official website. Upon its introduction, *The New York Times* said Buccaneers.com "bustles with information" and was "potent." In addition, the Tampa Bay Advertising Federation, recognized Buccaneers.com as the region's top interactive media effort by awarding it a "Best of the Bay" Addy Award. Buccaneers.com has attracted over 50 million hits since its launch.

Leading the Buccaneers' Community Relations objectives and initiatives, Glazer works closely with local, regional and national non-profit agencies in an effort to take the Buccaneers' philanthropic efforts to a national level. Over the past few seasons, the Buccaneers have been recognized by several national media outlets including the CBS Evening News, CNN, *The Sporting News* and HBO's Inside the NFL as one of the most charitable teams in the league with programs such as running back Warrick Dunn's "Homes for the Holidays," Derrick Brooks' "Brooks' Bunch," and Jerry Wunsch's "Jerry's Journey."

Under Glazer's leadership, the Buccaneers founded the Student Advisory Board in 1999. This one of a kind program takes high school students inside the workings of a NFL team. The students get to participate in game day operations, meet coaches and players and also get involved with volunteerism in the Tampa Bay community. Glazer teaches a resume workshop to help the students as they search for employment.

Glazer also works closely with Glazer Family Foundation, helping implement new programs including the "Cheering You On" program that gives every child admitted to a local hospital a Buccaneers teddy bear and activity book.

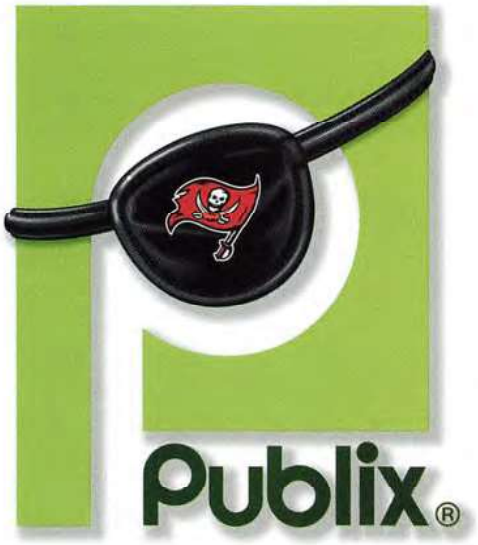
Glazer, along with his brother Joel, continue to oversee all aspects of the team's sales campaign, including television, radio and outdoor billboards, which have resulted in unprecedented season-ticket sales. In 1998 the brothers were the driving force behind the Buccaneers' nationally recognized club seat sales film designed to educate fans about the luxurious club seating available at Raymond James Stadium. The film, hosted by ABC Sports Al Michaels, won such prestigious awards as the Communicator Crystal Award and the Telly Award for short film. By winning a Telly, the club seat film was singled out as one of the year's most outstanding non-network video productions and received notable mention in various film and trade publications across the country.

Edward is also heavily involved, along with his brothers Bryan and Joel, in the design of the Buccaneers' new training facility. This new facility scheduled to open in 2001 will be a technological marvel and set a new standard of excellence for training facilities in the NFL.

One of Glazer's most popular concepts with the fans has been the "Buccaneer Battle Flags." Each time the Buccaneer offense penetrates the opposition's ëred zone,' the red flags are raised throughout the stadium. This dramatic game enhancement has quickly become a signature at Buccaneer home games.

Glazer and his wife Shari live in Tampa and are deeply committed to providing aid and assistance in their community. Shari is actively involved with organizing the charity work of the Buccaneer Women's Organization, which annually hosts children from the Boys and Girls Clubs, The Spring, Joshua House and the Children's Home at local petting zoos and cultural events at the Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center. Shari has volunteered her time at many local charities, including Camp Good Days and Special Times, the Children's Cancer Center, and the Tampa Aids Network where served as co-chairperson for the Tampa AIDS Walk for the past two years. This year Shari was named honorary co-chair for the Susan G. Komen Tampa Bay Race for the Cure.

Edward Glazer was born in Rochester, New York and earned a bachelor's degree from Ithaca College.



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General Manager
Richard McKay

He had nurtured this team from the ground up, arguably utilizing draft picks better than any executive in the league over the past five years. But when the team fell a whisker shy of the Super Bowl, Buccaneers general manager Rich McKay decided it was time to plunge deep into the free agent market. And what he unearthed over a dramatic two-month stretch has ignited the gridiron fires in this community like never before.

On February 15, McKay signed two-time Pro Bowl C Jeff Christy away from division rival Minnesota. On March 1, he bagged G Randall McDaniel, who earned 11 trips to the Pro Bowl as a Vikings. Then, on the eve of the draft, McKay fired the shot heard 'round the league, trading Tampa Bay's two first-round picks to the New York Jets for prolific WR Keyshawn Johnson. Mix those aggressive steps with some less-publicized transactions (re-signing T Jason Odom, TE Dave Moore and P Mark Royals; extending contracts for LBs Shelton Quarles and Al Singleton) and you have the potential for a memorable football season in Tampa.

The main architect behind the Buccaneers' rapid resurgence, McKay enters his ninth season with the club and sixth overall as the team's general manager. He supervises the entire football operation of the Buccaneers and negotiates all player contracts. Additionally, McKay presides over the club's college and pro personnel departments, including the NFL draft, waiver wire transactions, trades, free agency acquisitions and salary cap management.

McKay, who engineered the club's last six drafts, has guided the Buccaneers from one of the worst drafting teams in the NFL to one of the league's best in a relatively short period of time. In 1999, Tampa Bay set a franchise record with 11 wins en route to its first NFC Central Division title since 1981. Adopting a philosophy based on on-field production rather than game-breaking potential, McKay has developed into one of the more astute and crafty draft-day technicians in the NFL.

In five of the last eight NFL drafts, the Buccaneers have selected at least one player that has gone on to become a Pro Bowl performer for the Buccaneers. That impressive list includes: S John Lynch (1993), QB Trent Dilfer (1994), DT Warren Sapp (1995), LB Derrick Brooks (1995), FB Mike Alstott (1996) and RB Warrick Dunn (1997). During the 1997 season, the Buccaneers sent a NFL-high eight players to the Pro Bowl. It marked the first time in team history that more than three Buccaneers attended the league's all-star event. Five Buccaneers earned Pro Bowl nods in 1998. And after advancing to the NFC Championship Game last season, Tampa Bay sent six players (five of them starters) to Honolulu.

Under McKay's leadership, the 1994-99 drafts produced 12 starters. Moreover, 28 of the Buccaneers 49 draft picks throughout that span remain on the team's roster.

During the 1998 off-season, McKay was appointed co-chairman of the NFL's prestigious Competition Committee. Regarded as one of the nation's leading experts on facility leases, McKay has represented a number of professional sports teams on a variety of stadium issues regarding acquisitions, financing, and debt service.

Prior to joining the Buccaneers on a full-time basis, McKay was an attorney with the Tampa law firm of Hill, Ward, and Henderson, joining them in 1986. While in that position, he served as the team's legal counsel for six years.

McKay, who also taught a course in sports/entertainment law at Stetson University's College of Law, earned his bachelor's degree in 1981 from Princeton University. He graduated from Stetson's College of Law in 1984 and clerked for two years for Tampa U.S. District Judge William Terrell Hodges.

McKay is the son of legendary coach John McKay, who won four national championships at the University of Southern California and was the first head coach in Buccaneers history (1976-84). Born March 16, 1959 in Eugene, Oregon, McKay grew up in Los Angeles and Tampa, graduating from Tampa's Jesuit High School where he was the football team's starting quarterback. McKay and his wife, Terrin, have two sons, Hunter (7/20/88) and John (9/24/92), and reside in Tampa.

Head Coach
Tony Dungy

We use the word "great" indiscriminately. But we reserve the word "noble" carefully for those whose greatness is not spent in their own interest.

- Woodrow Wilson

Does he ever flinch?

Perhaps more than you think. Although judging from Tony Dungy's virtually unflappable demeanor, most guess that anything short of a full-fledged calamity would provoke a modest response.

So last Halloween, as Dungy and his Bucs flew back from Detroit following a frightful performance on national television, the natives were beginning to stir. Tampa Bay had dropped to 3-4, yet there were no fire-and-brimstone rantings from the head coach. Wasn't he angry? Wasn't he upset? Where was the outburst? Drastic changes were insinuated around town. One columnist suggested the Bucs might not win another game the rest of the way.

"I'd been through some things like that before," Dungy says, looking back. "I was disappointed, but I wasn't overly concerned. We were sitting at 3-4 and we hadn't played good football. I just felt we needed to get back to the basics. If we started playing like we were capable of playing, there was still a lot of football left."

Nine games, to be exact. The Bucs won eight of them.

And those eight victories propelled the Bucs to their first NFC Central Division title in 18 seasons. They won a club-record 11 regular-season games, the last four with a rookie quarterback at the helm. Their seven home wins also set a franchise mark. Then Tampa Bay rallied from a 13-0 deficit to defeat Washington 14-13 in the divisional playoff round, vaulting the Bucs to their first NFC Championship Game appearance in 20 years. Tampa Bay, a 14-point underdog to St. Louis, nearly pulled off the upset before succumbing 11-6.

While many hit the panic button October 31, Dungy never wavered – not with his players, not with his coaches and not with his inherent philosophy on how to win football games. Instead, he firmly righted the ship and the results were remarkable. But it wasn't just the wins that propelled the Bucs into the gridiron spotlight – it was the way they won, and lost. Tampa Bay rallied from deficit after deficit, playing gritty, inspired football from the first whistle to the final gun and graciously accepting the consequences. That effort, both on and off the field, mirrored their determined yet unassuming leader.

"I think I'd be hard-pressed to find a man in the NFL whom I respect more – as a coach, as a person, as a motivator, as a human being who will have meaning in his players' lives long after they stop playing football – than Tampa Bay coach Tony Dungy," *Sports Illustrated's* Peter King wrote after the NFC Championship Game. "There are more good guys per square inch in the Bucs' locker room than in any locker room in the NFL, and Dungy is a big reason why."

When Dungy was named the Buccaneers' sixth head coach in 1996, he was not intimidated by the franchise's share of disappointments during the previous two decades. Dungy instead embraced the challenge and his reward is one of the top teams in the National Football League. The Bucs are now synonymous with the Bay Area, playing to sold-out crowds, monopolizing banter about town and attracting some of the top free-agent talent in the league. Has there been a more surprising turnaround in recent professional sports? You be the judge. In the 10 seasons prior to Dungy's arrival, the Bucs posted a 43-111 (.279) mark with nine double-digit loss seasons and no playoff appearances. In four seasons, Dungy has posted a franchise-best 37-31 record (.544) with two postseason appearances and two playoff wins.

Dungy, long considered one of the game's great defensive minds, watched his defensive troops dominate last season. The Bucs ranked first in the NFC and third in the NFL in total defense, setting single-season records for fewest points allowed (235), fewest opponent first downs (228), fewest opponent rushing yards (1,407), fewest opponent rushes (361) and lowest

opponent completion percentage (52.7 percent). And in the playoffs, Tampa Bay held Washington's second-ranked offense to 157 total yards and the Rams' top-ranked arsenal to just 11 points, 22 below its average.

The primary catalyst for the run? Turnovers, a staple of Dungy's alert and aggressive scheme. During Tampa Bay's second-half surge, the defense forced 25 turnovers over a nine-game stretch, resulting in 81 points. Dungy's defenses have been known for take-aways and scoring TDs. In his last 17 seasons, his units have scored an amazing 51 defensive TDs. In fact, since the 1970 AFL-NFL merger, only nine teams have scored as many as seven defensive touchdowns in a season and four of those have come under Dungy's guidance.

While the Bucs' defense corralled some well-deserved accolades, Dungy may have done an even better job with his offense, despite a low statistical ranking. Rookie QB Shaun King, who didn't see any game action the first 10 weeks of the season, was thrown into the fire in Week 11 after Tampa Bay's two other signal-callers fell victim to injury. King promptly went 4-1 as a starter, then became the first rookie QB in 23 years to win a playoff game. The Bucs also lost starting RT Jason Odom in Week 4 and starting LT Paul Gruber in Week 16. But heading into this season, King has experience, the injuries have healed and Tampa Bay can boast three new offensive Pro Bowlers – C Jeff Christy, WR Keyshawn Johnson and G Randall McDaniel.

The defense produced three first-team All-Pros in LB Derrick Brooks, S John Lynch and DT Warren Sapp. FB Mike Alstott, who led the team with 949 rushing yards, also earned first-team All-Pro honors. In the club's 23 previous seasons, Tampa Bay could boast five first-team All-Pro selections.

In 1998, the Buccaneers also ranked first in the NFC in defense, second overall. The offense finished second in the NFC with 2,148 rushing yards, the second-best effort in club annals. Dungy's 1997 season served as the launching pad for his team's rise to prominence. Dungy was selected as the Professional Coach of the Year by the Maxwell Football Club after guiding the Bucs to a 10-6 mark and a wild card win over Detroit. Tampa Bay's playoff appearance was its first in 15 years. On March 11, 1998, Dungy was awarded with a new five-year contract that essentially voided out the terms of his original contract and ensured he would be with the team through the 2002 season.

Dungy was named head coach of the Buccaneers on January 22, 1996. Eleven months later, he guided his club to victories in five of their final seven games, including five consecutive victories at home. The strong finish would serve as an early indicator of the organization's rise the following year. Dungy's first NFL victory was a 24-13 win in Tampa over his former employer, the Minnesota Vikings.

When Dennis Green became the Minnesota Vikings' head coach in 1992, he named Dungy as his defensive coordinator. In his four seasons with the Vikes, his defenses intercepted an NFL-best 95 passes as the

team qualified for postseason play three times. In 1995, Dungy's troops racked up impressive statistics. The Vikes finished second in the NFL in takeaways with 40, ranked second in the league in INTs with 25, ended up fourth in the NFL against the rush and were tied for first in the NFC and fourth in the NFL in sacks with 44.

Dungy directed another successful defensive effort for the Vikings in 1994 despite having fewer first-round picks (one) than any other playoff defense. Minnesota ranked first in the NFL in defensive TDs with seven, first in the league in run defense, was fifth in the NFL in total defense, tied for first in the NFC in fumble recoveries with 16, fourth in the conference in takeaways with 34 and tied for fifth in the NFC with 36 sacks.

In 1993, under the direction of Dungy, the Vikes boasted the NFL's number one ranked defense (275.3 yards per game). Minnesota was also the league's only team to rank in the top six defenses against both the run and the pass.

In his first year with Minnesota (1992), Dungy's defense had five new starters yet still led the NFL in INTs with 28, ranked first in the NFC and second in the NFL with 42 takeaways, tied for the league lead in defensive touchdowns with eight (NFL's best total in eight years), and tied for third in the NFL in sacks with 51.

From 1989-91, Dungy was the defensive backs coach for the Kansas City Chiefs under Head Coach Marty Schottenheimer. In 1989, the Chiefs finished first in the AFC and second in the NFL in pass defense while the club qualified for the playoffs in 1990 and 1991.

Dungy's first NFL coaching stop was with the Pittsburgh Steelers from 1981-88. In 1981, he became the youngest assistant coach in the NFL (25) when he joined the Steelers as a defensive assistant. From 1982-83, Dungy served as Pittsburgh's defensive backs coach, tutoring such Steeler stars as Mel Blount and Donnie Shell. In 1984, Dungy became the youngest coordinator in the NFL when, at the age of 28, the Steelers tabbed him to run their defense. Pittsburgh's "D" ranked among the league's top six in each of his first two seasons as coordinator and, in his five years in that position, his defenses averaged 24 INTs and 37 takeaways per season while scoring 20 TDs (including a league-best seven in 1987).

Dungy began his coaching career in 1980 at the age of 24 when he served as the defensive backs coach at the University of Minnesota (his alma mater). As a player, Dungy was a quarterback at the University of Minnesota from 1973-76. He finished his Golden Gopher career as the schools all-time leader in pass attempts (576), completions (274), passing yards (3577) and touchdown passes (25). Dungy also rushed 413 times for 1,345 yards and 16 touchdowns. A two-time team Most Valuable Player, Dungy played in the East-West Shrine Game, the Hula Bowl and the Japan Bowl. At the time he completed his college career, he ranked fourth in Big Ten history in total offense behind Mike Phipps, Archie Griffin and Bob Griese. As a junior, he established a single-season school record with 15 TD passes while leading the Big Ten and ranking fifth nationally in both total offense and passing. As a freshman, Dungy played for the 1973-74 Gophers varsity basketball team, averaging 2.6 points per game before ultimately concentrating on football. He earned a bachelor's degree in business administration.

Following his UM career, Dungy signed as a free agent with the Steelers in May, 1977. In training camp, he was converted from quarterback to wide receiver to safety, and he impressed the Pittsburgh coaching staff sufficiently to become the first free agent to make the team's final roster in two years. Dungy appeared in 14 games as a rookie and notched three interceptions.

In 1978, Dungy played in all 16 games and, despite starting just two contests, he ranked second in the AFC with six interceptions. Dungy played in the Steelers' 35-31 victory over the Dallas Cowboys in Super Bowl XIII. During training camp in 1979 (8/21), Dungy was traded to the San Francisco 49ers in exchange for a 1980 10th-round draft choice. He participated in 15 games for the 49ers in 1979. Prior to the 1980 campaign (3/27), Dungy was dealt to the New York Giants along with RB Mike Hogan in exchange for WR Jimmy Robinson and CB Ray Rhodes.

Since arriving in the Tampa Bay area, Dungy and his wife, Lauren, have been very active in community affairs. Dungy has done extensive work as a speaker for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Athletes in Action. In 1997, he participated in Mentors for Life, a program which provides tickets to Buccaneer home games to area youth and their mentors. Additionally, he has been a large supporter of a variety of children's charitable programs such as Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Boys and Girls Clubs and foster parenting organizations. Lauren has volunteered regularly at The Spring, a shelter for abused women and children, as well as the First Baptist Church of College Hill lunch program.

Born Anthony Kevin Dungy on October 6, 1955, in Jackson, Michigan, he graduated from Parkside High School in Jackson. He and Lauren, have three children: daughter Tiara (12/28/84), and sons James (1/6/87) and Eric (1/12/92).

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Strength and Conditioning Coach
Mark Asanovich

For the last four seasons, strength and conditioning coach Mark Asanovich has overseen all aspects of the club's strength and conditioning program, including the highly successful four-month off-season voluntary workout program. Asanovich's voluntary off-season conditioning program continues to be one of the most highly attended offseason programs in the National Football League, boasting a participation level from eligible roster players of nearly 100 percent.

Under Asanovich's guidance, the Buccaneers have upgraded virtually every facet of their weight training facilities.

Asanovich came to Tampa Bay after one season as the assistant strength and conditioning coach for the Minnesota Vikings. Prior to joining the Vikings, Asanovich worked as the strength and conditioning coach at Anoka (MN) High School from 1987-95. He arrived at Anoka after a similar stint at The Citadel in 1986. Asanovich launched his career with a two-year stint at Ohio State.

While in Minnesota, Asanovich was a member of the Governor's Council for Health and Physical Fitness and was also on the Executive Board of the Minnesota Association of Physical Education, Health, Exercise, Recreation and Dance.

Asanovich earned his bachelor's degree in special education from St. Cloud State and his master's in strength training and athletic conditioning from OSU. A native of Duluth, Minn., he and his wife, Allisen, reside in Odessa.

Offensive Assistant
Wendell Avery

Wendell Avery begins his second season as the Buccaneers' offensive assistant. Prior to his arrival in Tampa, Avery had served as a head coach and assistant coach on the collegiate level for 10 years. A former University of Minnesota quarterback, Avery was a college teammate of Tony Dungy's from 1975-76.

Avery began his collegiate coaching career as the quarterbacks/wide receivers coach at Macalester College (MN) from 1982-83. After his stint with Macalester College (MN), Avery pursued a career in the private business sector as a Senior Sales Representative for Xerox Corporation in Minneapolis from 1984-90.

Avery returned to the collegiate ranks as the offensive coordinator at Winona State (MN) from 1990-91. He spent the following two seasons in a similar capacity as the offensive coordinator at Alabama A&M from 1992-93. Avery assumed the position as offensive coordinator at Savannah State (GA) in 1994 and served as the Tigers' head coach the next two seasons from 1995-96.

Avery, 43, participated in the NFL Minority Coaching Fellowship Program as a member of the Detroit Lions' coaching staff in 1995 and as a fellow for the Buccaneers' staff in 1997. Prior to joining Dungy's staff as a full-time assistant coach, Avery served as the quarterbacks coach at Fort Valley State in 1998.

Avery and his wife, Brenda, have two children, son Quincy (6/7/86) and daughter Taylar (7/7/95). The family resides in Tampa.

Quarterbacks Coach
Clyde Christensen

After spending his first three seasons tutoring the Buccaneer tight ends, fourth-year assistant coach Clyde Christensen now enters his second season tutoring Tampa Bay quarterbacks. Christensen was instrumental in the late-season development of rookie signal-caller Shaun King, who enters the 2000 campaign as the Buccaneers' starting quarterback. King completed 61 percent of his passes en route to a 4-1 record as a starter and tied Doug Williams' club rookie record of seven touchdown passes.

Before joining the Buccaneers in 1996, the 42-year-old Christensen spent two years (1994-1995) as the co-offensive coordinator/quarterbacks coach at Clemson University. From 1992-1993, he served as the quarterbacks coach at the University of Maryland. In 1991, Christensen served as running backs coach at South Carolina after spending the 1989-1990 season as a assistant coach at Holy Cross University.

While coaching the Crusaders, he oversaw the receivers and tight ends in '89 before being promoted to offensive coordinator for the 1990 season. From 1986-88, Christensen was the offensive coordinator and was also in charge of recruiting at East Carolina. He oversaw the quarterbacks and wide receivers at Temple from 1983-85 after holding the position of offensive coordinator at East Tennessee State from 1980-82. Christensen began his coaching career as a graduate assistant at Mississippi in 1979.

Christensen was an All-America quarterback for Fresno State Junior College from 1975-76. He continued his collegiate career at North Carolina, earning a bachelor's degree in industrial relations from Chapel Hill. Christensen and his wife, Debbie, reside in Tampa with their three daughters, Rachel (7/15/83), Rebecca (9/12/85) and Ruth (9/6/90).

Assistant Strength and Conditioning Coach
Les Ebert

Les Ebert begins his second full season as the Tampa Bay Buccaneers' assistant strength and conditioning coach. The 27-year-old Ebert is responsible for assisting strength and conditioning coach Mark Asanovich in all areas of the club's conditioning program, along with administering one-on-one strength workouts with each player. He also tailors specific workouts based on a player's individual needs and capabilities.

Prior to joining the Buccaneers, Ebert worked as the strength and conditioning coach at Blaine (MN) High School in 1998. In 1997, Ebert served as the Buccaneers' season-long strength and conditioning intern, helping the club reach the playoffs for the first time in 15 seasons.

Ebert graduated with honors from the University of Minnesota-Duluth in 1997, earning a bachelor's of science degree in physical education. Ebert is a certified member of the National Strength and Conditioning Association. He and his wife, Rebecca, reside in Tampa.

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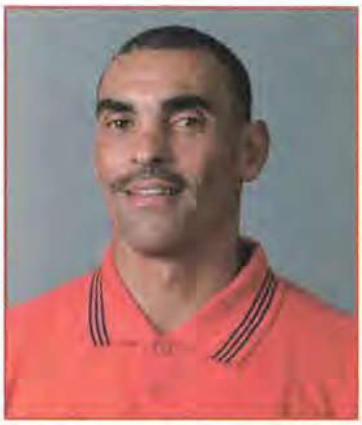

Assistant Head Coach/Defensive Backs Coach

Herman Edwards

Regarded as one of the game's best teachers and communicators in all of the National Football League, Herman Edwards begins his fifth season as the club's assistant head coach/defensive backs coach.

One of game's best gameday tactitions, Edwards was the architect of the NFL's top-ranked pass defense in 1998 and the second-ranked unit last season. Tampa Bay yielded a paltry 179.6 passing yards per game in 1999. SS John Lynch earned his second trip to the Pro Bowl and also garnered first-team All-Pro honors from the Associated Press. CB Donnie Abraham posted a breakthrough campaign, intercepting a career-high seven passes and setting a club record with 31 passes defensed.

Edwards joined the Buccaneers staff after spending seven years in different capacities with the Kansas City Chiefs. From 1990-91, he was a talent scout and assisted Dungy with Kansas City's defensive backs. He then succeeded Dungy as DBs coach from 1992-94 before serving as a pro scout in 1995. Edwards launched his coaching career as the DBs coach at San Jose State.

Edwards played 10 seasons in the NFL, including nine with the Philadelphia Eagles. He started all 135 games during his tenure with the Eagles, earning second-team All-NFC honors in 1980 and 1982. Edwards can boast 33 career INTs, ranking second on the Eagles' all-time list. His 38 picks, counting playoffs, is a club record.

Edwards earned All-Pac-10 honors at California, where he played in 1972 and 1974. He played one year at Monterrey Peninsula Junior College (1973) before concluding his college career at San Diego State, where he earned his bachelor's degree in criminal justice.

In 1997, Edwards and the Bucs' secondary launched a youth enrichment program called "Focus and Finish," encouraging high school athletes to excel on and off the field. Edwards also hosts the Herm Edwards Football Camp, which is attended by more than 400 youth living on the Monterrey Peninsula at no cost.

A native of Monmouth, New Jersey, Edwards grew up in Seaside, California. He has a son, Marcus (12/13/81), and is married to Lia.

Offensive Line Coach

Chris Foerster

Chris Foerster inherits a revamped offensive line in his fifth season with the Buccaneers, but his new crew can boast a wealth of NFL experience and accolades.

Tampa Bay launched its free agency spree by signing C Jeff Christy, who started the last two Pro Bowls as a member of the Minnesota Vikings. Three weeks later, the Bucs signed fellow former Viking and 11-time Pro Bowler Randall McDaniel to fill the LG slot. Tampa Bay then re-signed T Jason Odom, In 1999, Foerster's line helped Mike Alstott and Warrick Dunn formed the lone rushing duo in the league to each net more than 1,000 yards from scrimmage. In 1998, Tampa Bay's offensive line orchestrated the second-best rushing total (2,148) in club history, enabling the Bucs to finish second in the NFC in rushing. Foerster joined the Bucs after three years with the Minnesota Vikings, where he worked with the offensive line and tight ends. In 1992, Foerster was the offensive line coach at the University of Minnesota. From 1988-91, he held the same post at Stanford under current Vikings head coach Dennis Green. Foerster launched his coaching career at Colorado State in 1983. He played center at CSU from 1979-82, earning a bachelor's degree in history.

Foerster, a native of Tucson, Arizona, is married to Michelle. The couple lives in St. Petersburg with daughter Kathleen (8/9/88) and sons Jake (12/6/91) and Micah (11/12/99).

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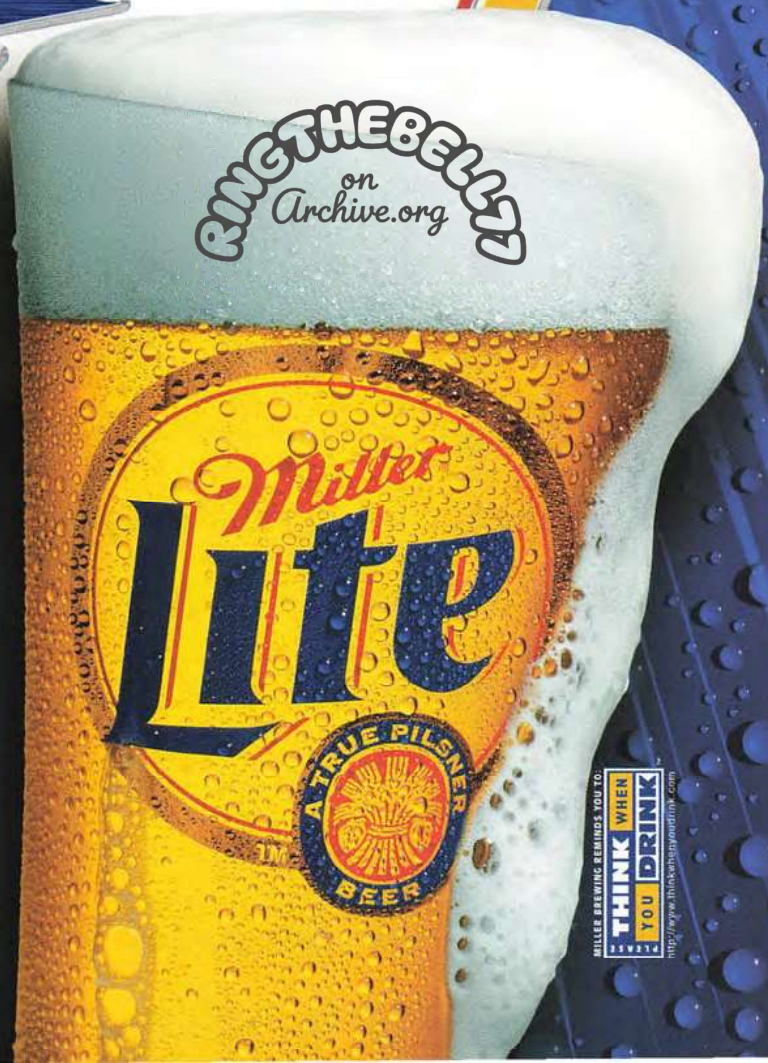

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Defensive Coordinator

Monte Kiffin

Monte Kiffin's charges took center stage in 1999. Boasting four Pro Bowlers and three first-team All-Pro selections, Tampa Bay's defense electrified the league with one of the most dominating defensive stretches in recent memory.

After a 3-4 start, the Bucs rallied to win eight of nine games to capture their first NFC Central title in 18 years. The primary catalyst for the run was Kiffin's defense, which secured 25 takeaways (resulting in 81 points) over that stretch. Tampa Bay finished third in the league in total defense, first in the NFC. The Bucs allowed just three 100-yard rushers and set club single-season marks for fewest points allowed (235), fewest opponent first downs (228), fewest opponent rushing yards (1,407), fewest opponent rushes (361) and lowest opponent completion percentage (52.7 percent).

Kiffin came to Tampa Bay after spending the 1995 campaign as defensive coordinator for the New Orleans Saints. Prior to his stint with the Saints, he spent four seasons on the Minnesota Vikings' staff, his second tour of duty with the club. Kiffin was the Jets' linebackers coach in 1990 after four seasons as the Vikings' linebackers coach. He spent two seasons in the same capacity with the Buffalo Bills (1984-85) after breaking into the league with the Green Bay Packers in 1983.

Kiffin was the head coach at North Carolina State from 1980-82, compiling a 16-17 record in Raleigh. He secured the NCSU job after three seasons as defensive coordinator and assistant head coach under Lou Holtz at Arkansas. Kiffin launched his coaching career at his alma mater, Nebraska, helping the Huskers win two national titles over his 10-year tenure. Kiffin played both offensive and defensive tackle at Nebraska from 1959-63.

Monte and his wife, Robin, live in Tampa. They have a daughter, Heidi (9/5/68), and two sons, Lane (5/9/75) and Chris (1/19/82).

Special Teams Coach

Joe Marciano

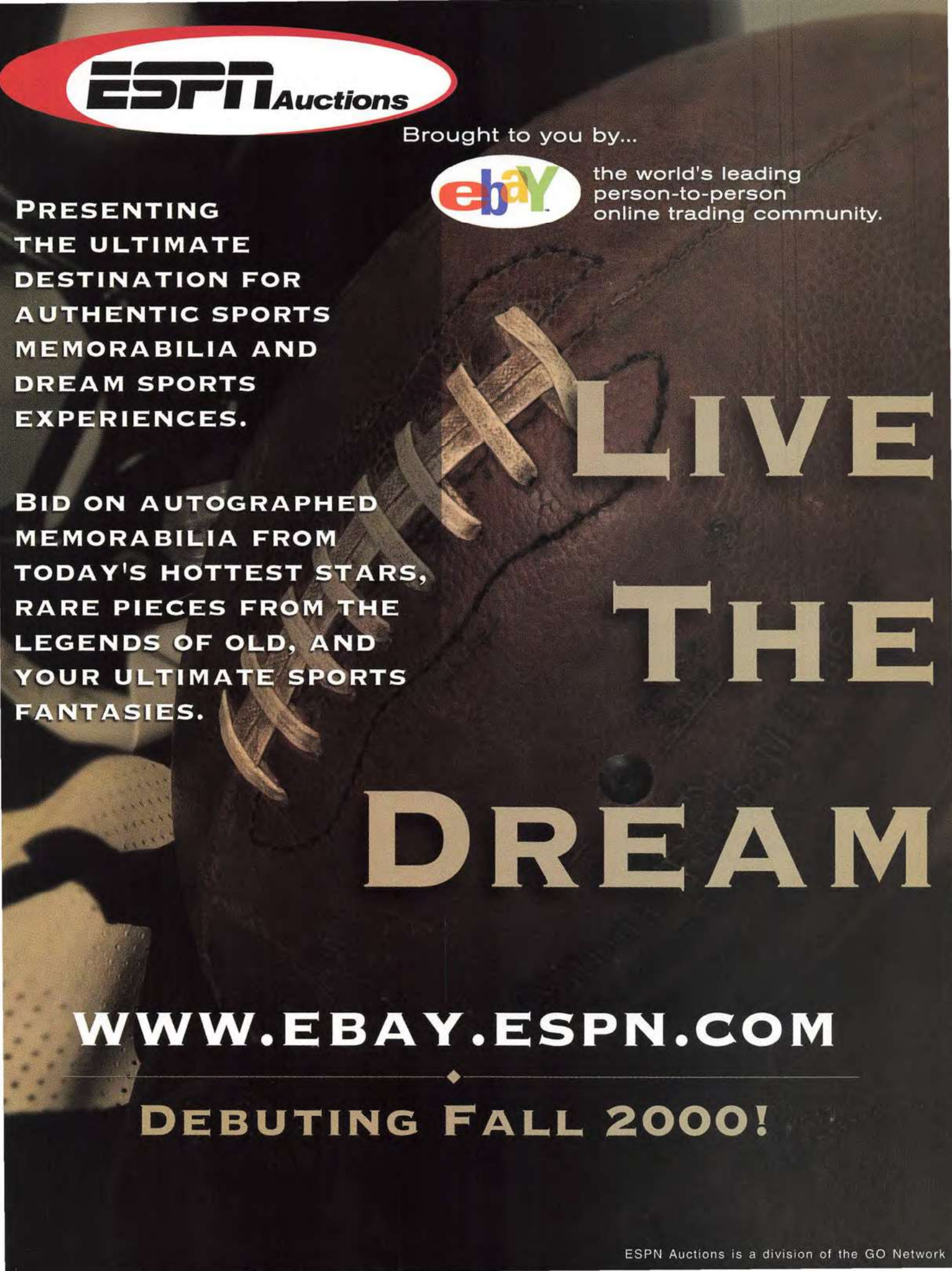
Joe Marciano, regarded by his peers as one of the game's top special teams coaches, begins his 15th season in the National Football League and fifth as a member of the Buccaneers coaching staff.

In 1999, Marciano's units were fueled by three outstanding individual performances. LB Shelton Quarles set a team record with 31 special teams tackles, breaking Sam Anno's 10-year mark of 28 stops. P Mark Royals finished third in the NFC with a franchise-best gross average of 43.13 yards. Royals' net average of 37.4 ranked second in the conference. And rookie kicking sensation Martin Gramatica shattered two single-season club marks. His 106 points broke Donald Igwebuike's 10-year record of 99 points. Gramatica also nailed 27 FGs, two better than Michael Husted's effort of 25 FGs in 1996. Gramatica hit 84.4 percent of his FG attempts.

Marciano joined Tampa Bay after spending the previous 10 years as the special teams coach for the New Orleans Saints. For the first nine of those campaigns, he also coached the team's tight ends. Three Saints special teams players made the Pro Bowl during his tenure.

Marciano's first professional coaching job came as the special teams/tight ends coach for the USFL's Philadelphia/Baltimore Stars. In 1982, he held a similar post at Temple. Marciano also coached TEs at Penn State (1981), Villanova (1980), Rhode Island (1978-79) and East Stroudsburg (1977).

Marciano played quarterback at Temple. The native of Dunmore, Pennsylvania, was inducted into the Northeast Chapter of the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame in 1993. He and his son, Joseph, live in Odessa.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Defensive Line Coach
Rod Marinelli

The Buccaneers' defensive line continued to wreak havoc in opposing backfields last season, yet another nod to fifth-year defensive line coach Rod Marinelli. One of the game's most innovative instructors on the finer points of technique, leverage, and balance, Marinelli watched his troops rack up 43 sacks and set the table for the league's most feared defense. DT Warren Sapp collected a career-high 12 _ sacks in 1999, earning NFL Defensive Player of the Year honors from the Associated Press -- the first Buccaneer since Hall of Famer Lee Roy Selmon (1979) to win the AP honor.

Marinelli spent 20 seasons as a college assistant coach before arriving in Tampa. He served as defensive line coach at USC in 1995 after three seasons as the assistant head coach/defensive line at Arizona State. Marinelli followed head coach Bruce Snyder to Tempe after nine seasons under Snyder at California.

Marinelli coached the defensive line at Utah State from 1976-81 before assuming the offensive line and special teams duties at USU in 1982. Marinelli launched his coaching career at his alma mater, Rosemead High School, in San Gabriel Valley, California.

Marinelli played offensive and defensive tackle at Utah in 1968 before serving a one-year stint in Vietnam. He returned from the service and earned All-America honors at California Luthern. Marinelli graduated from CLC with a degree in history. He and his wife, Barbara, live in Tampa. They have two daughters, Christine (2/11/70) and Jill (8/8/81).

Running Backs Coach
Tony Nathan

Tony Nathan lobbied the club hard to spend high draft picks for FB Mike Alstott in 1996 and RB Warrick Dunn in 1997. The result? Nathan has two of the most dangerous backs in the league in his stable, a duo that fits Tony Dungy's offensive personality like a glove.

Last year, Alstott and Dunn were the only backfield tandem in the NFL to each top 1,000 yards from scrimmage. Alstott also earned his third consecutive Pro Bowl selection and his third consecutive first-team All-Pro nod from the Associated Press. He is the lone rusher in Buccaneer history to earn consecutive trips to Hawaii. In 1998, the Bucs finished fourth in the league in rushing with 2,148 yards – the second-best total in franchise history. Dunn rushed for 1,026 yards, becoming the teams' first 1,000-yard rusher since 1995. In 1997, Dunn was the only rookie to make the Pro Bowl, joining Alstott in Hawaii. In Nathan's four seasons as running backs coach, the Bucs have averaged 116.3 yards rushing per game, the club's best stretch since Tampa Bay's playoff squads of the late 1970s and early 1980s.

From 1988-95, Nathan was an assistant coach for the Miami Dolphins. Initially tabbed as a coaches' assistant, he was promoted to Miami's offensive backs coach in 1993.

Nathan was a running back for the Dolphins from 1979-87, playing in two Super Bowls. He ranks fourth on Miami's all-time list in rushing attempts (732), rushing yards (3,543) and receptions (343). Nathan played collegiately at Alabama, where he was a member of the Crimson Tide's 1978 national title team. He is a native of Birmingham, Alabama.

Tony and his wife, Johnnie, have three daughters – Francheria (7/8/80), Natalie (8/9/83) and Nadia (5/27/87).

Defensive Assistant
Kevin O'Dea

Beginning his fifth season as a defensive assistant for the Buccaneers is Kevin O'Dea. O'Dea is responsible for assisting the defensive coaching staff in all aspects of game preparation including the production of detailed scouting reports, statistical research, opponent's film breakdown, and the assembling of defensive game plans and playbooks.

O'Dea joined the Buccaneers after spending two seasons in a similar capacity with the San Diego Chargers, including the club's 1994 run to Super Bowl XXIX. Prior to his stint with the Chargers, O'Dea spent three years as an assistant coach to Joe Paterno at Penn State, working with the receivers, defensive line and linebackers. From 1988-90, O'Dea worked as an assistant at Virginia. In 1987, he coached the defensive backs at Cornell.

After a four-year term in the Coast Guard, O'Dea played WR and CB at Lock Haven University. After a back injury, he launched his coaching career by serving as receivers' coach his senior season.

O'Dea, a native of Williamsport, Pa., earned his bachelor's degree from Lock Haven in fitness management and also has a master's in sports medicine from UVa. He is single and lives in Tampa.

Linebackers Coach
Lovie Smith

His lineup will differ slightly from his first four seasons, but linebackers coach Lovie Smith can still claim one of the best young units in the league.

The pulse of the corps continues to be weakside LB Derrick Brooks, who is fast emerging as not only the NFL's best LB, but one of its most spectacular overall players. Under Smith, Brooks earned his third consecutive Pro Bowl nod and garnered first-team All-Pro honors from the Associated Press for the first time in his career. Shelton Quarles won the starting strongside slot in training camp and turned in a solid season, collecting a career-best 57 tackles. He signed a three-year extension in the offseason. Five-time Pro Bowler Hardy Nickerson departed via free agency, but Smith will look to third-year pro Jamie Duncan to take Nickerson's place in the middle. Duncan relieved Nickerson for six games at the end of the 1998 campaign.

Before arriving in Tampa, Smith spent one season coaching defensive backs at Ohio State. He coached the previous two seasons in a similar role at Tennessee after coaching the linebackers at Kentucky in 1992. From 1988-91, Smith tutored the linebackers at Arizona State. He also coached linebackers at Wisonsin and Tulsa, his alma mater.

As a player, Smith was a two-time All-America selection and three-time All-Missouri Valley Conference linebacker for the Golden Hurricane. A native of Big Sandy, Texas, Lovie and his wife, MaryAnne, have three sons, Mikal (11/16/76), Matthew (8/26/86) and Miles (9/27/89). Mikal is entering his senior season as a defensive back at Arizona. The family lives in Tampa.

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Offensive Coordinator

Les Steckel

Les Steckel enters his first season as offensive coordinator for the Buccaneers after serving as the Tennessee Titans' offensive coordinator the past three seasons.

Steckel, entering his 19th NFL season, spent the past five seasons with the Titans, the last three as offensive coordinator. He originally joined the club as wide receivers coach in 1995. Steckel is the only offensive coordinator in the NFL to have coached every position on offense. Steckel's offense ranked 13th in the league this past season as the Titans posted a franchise-best 13-3 mark and advanced to Super Bowl XXXIV. Tennessee averaged 24.5 points per game in 1999 after averaging 20.6 points per contest in 1998.

In 1998, Steckel's offense became the first in NFL history to score on every possession inside the red zone. The Oilers also threw a franchise-low 10 INTs. Over Steckel's three seasons as Tennessee's offensive coordinator, his QBs threw just 36 INTs.

Prior to his stint with Tennessee, Steckel spent two seasons as the tight ends coach for the Denver Broncos. He came to the Broncos from the University of Colorado, where he was offensive coordinator/quarterbacks coach. In 1989, Steckel was the offensive coordinator at Brown University. From 1985-89, Steckel worked for the New England Patriots. He coached the quarterbacks and wide receivers in 1985 when the Patriots advanced to Super Bowl XX.

Steckel was head coach of the Minnesota Vikings in 1984, after five seasons as the receivers and special teams coach for the Vikings. He cut his NFL teeth as the tight ends and wide receivers coach for the San Francisco 49ers in 1978. Prior to his stint with the 49ers, Steckel coached at Colorado and Navy.

A decorated Vietnam veteran as an infantry officer, Steckel recently retired from the United States Marine Corps Reserve after 31 years of military service. Steckel, 53, is married to Chris and the couple has three children – daughter Lesley, and sons Christian and Luke.

Tight Ends Coach

Ricky Thomas

Ricky Thomas enters his fourth season with the Buccaneers and his second as tight ends coach. Thomas spent the previous two seasons as Tampa Bay's offensive assistant coach. His TE group, lauded for its physical run-blocking and proficiency in the red zone, will play an integral role in Les Steckel's new offense.

Under Thomas' guidance, Dave Moore paced the Bucs last season with five TD receptions. He corralled 23 passes for a career-best 276 yards. Back-ups Patrick Hape and John Davis each secured a scoring toss during the regular season, with Davis adding the game-winning TD in Tampa Bay's 14-13 divisional playoff win over Washington.

Thomas came to Tampa Bay after stints at Gardner-Webb and Kentucky. Prior to coaching for the Wildcats, he spent five years on the faculty at the McCallie School in Chattanooga, Tennessee. He taught human development and coached the football, wrestling and track and field teams.

Thomas was a four-year starter at strong safety at Alabama, where he earned a bachelor's degree in health and physical education. He earned a spot on Seattle's roster in 1987 before returning to Alabama as an academic advisor. Thomas also has a master's degree in secondary education from UT-Chattanooga.

A native of Niceville, Florida, Thomas and his wife, Kimberly, have two children.

Wide Receivers

Charlie Williams

Energetic wide receivers coach Charlie Williams enters his fifth season with the Buccaneers with a new weapon at his disposal. Before the draft, Tampa Bay traded its two first-round picks to the New York Jets for two-time Pro Bowl WR Keyshawn Johnson, instantly upgrading Williams' receiving corps.

Johnson caught 89 passes for 1,170 yards and eight TDs last season. His 305 career catches in his first four seasons ranks third all-time among NFL receivers. Johnson joins a group of talented young WRs that includes third-year pro Jacquez Green, who enjoyed a breakout 1999 season under Williams' watchful eye. Green posted a career-best 56 catches for 791 yards and three scores. Williams can also boast fourth-year WR Reidel Anthony, who has 116 career receptions and 12 TDs; Karl Williams, a valuable possession receiver and kick returner; and promising second-year pro Darnell McDonald.

Prior to coming to Tampa, Williams spent three years in a similar capacity at the University of Miami. In 1992, he coached the WRs at the University of Minnesota after four seasons at Texas Christian. In 1989, The Sporting News recognized TCU's receivers as the best in the nation.

Williams coached RBs at New Mexico State from 1986-87 after serving as the DBs coach at Long Beach City College from 1984-85. Williams played two years at LBCC before transferring to Colorado State, where he earned a degree in education. He and his wife, Shellie, reside in Tampa with daughter Sydney (12/11/90) and son Gregory (3/16/94).

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1999 RECORD: **WON: 11 LOST: 5**

Aug 14	W	30-3	CLEVELAND	63,963
Aug 21	W	17-7	at Kansas City	76,292
Aug 28	W	45-14	NEW ENGLAND	64,092
Sept 3	W	16-13	at Washington	63,722
Sept 12	L	13-17	N.Y. GIANTS	65,026
Sept 19	W	19-5	at Philadelphia	64,285
Sept 26	W	13-10	DENVER	65,297
Oct 3	L	14-21	at Minnesota	64,106
Oct 10	L	23-26	at Green Bay	59,868
Oct 17			-- bye week --	
Oct 24	W	6-3	CHICAGO	65,283
Oct 31	L	3-20	at Detroit	63,135
Nov 7	W	31-16	at New Orleans	47,129
Nov 14	W	17-10	KANSAS CITY	64,927
Nov 21	W	19-10	ATLANTA	65,158
Nov 28	W	16-3	at Seattle	66,314
Dec 6	W	24-17	MINNESOTA	65,741
Dec 12	W	23-16	DETROIT	65,536
Dec 19	L	0-45	at Oakland	46,395
Dec 26	W	29-10	GREEN BAY	65,723
Jan 2	W	20-6	at Chicago	66,944

	BUCCANEERS	OPPONENTS
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	245	228
Rushing	97	75
Passing	132	144
Penalty	16	9
3rd Down: Made/Att.	81/230 35.2%	75/232 32.3%
4th Down: Made/Att.	7/15 46.7%	4/13 30.8%
POSSESSION AVG.	32:11	27:49
TOTAL NET YARDS	4254	4280
Avg. Per Game	265.9	267.5
Total Plays	991	977
Avg. Per Play	4.3	4.4
NET YARDS RUSHING	1776	1407
Avg. Per Game	111.0	87.9
Total Rushes	502	361
NET YARDS PASSING	2478	2873
Avg. Per Game	154.9	179.6
Sacked/Yards Lost	42/303	43/291
Gross Yards	2781	3164
Att./Completions	447/268	573/302
Completion Pct.	60.0	52.7
Had Intercepted	16	21
PUNTS/AVERAGE	90/43.1	101/41.1
NET PUNTING AVERAGE	37.4	35.4
PENALTIES/YARDS	75/583	88/727
FUMBLES/FUMBLES LOST	25/19	23/10
TOUCHDOWNS	27	23
Rushing	7	8
Passing	18	11
Returns	2	4

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	OT	TOTAL
BUCCANEERS	34	106	42	88	0	270
OPPONENTS	89	47	44	55	0	235

SCORING	TD	R	P	Rt	PAT	2P	FG	S	PTS
Gramatica	0	0	0	0	25-25	0	27-32	0	106
Alstott	9	7	2	0	0-0	0	0-0	0	54
Moore	5	0	5	0	0-0	0	0-0	0	30
Green	3	0	3	0	0-0	0	0-0	0	18
Abraham	2	0	0	2	0-0	0	0-0	0	12
Dunn	2	0	2	0	0-0	0	0-0	0	12
Anthony	1	0	1	0	0-0	0	0-0	0	6
J.Davis	1	0	1	0	0-0	0	0-0	0	6
Emanuel	1	0	1	0	0-0	0	0-0	0	6
Hape	1	0	1	0	0-0	0	0-0	0	6
McDonald	1	0	1	0	0-0	0	0-0	0	6
McLeod	1	0	1	0	0-0	0	0-0	0	6
Culpepper	0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0-0	1	2
BUCCANEERS	27	7	18	2	25-25	0-2	27-32	1	270
OPPONENTS	23	8	11	4	23-23	0-0	24-31	1	235

RUSHING	No	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD
Alstott	242	949	3.9	30	7
Dunn	195	616	3.2	33	0
Dilfer	35	144	4.1	28	0
King	18	38	2.1	8	0
Abdullah	5	12	2.4	10	0
Green	3	8	2.7	15	0
Zeier	3	7	2.3	8	0
Anthony	1	2	2.0	2	0
Mayberry	0	0	0.0	0	0
BUCCANEERS	502	1776	3.5	33	7
OPPONENTS	361	1407	3.9	75t	8

RECEIVING	No	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD
Dunn	64	589	9.2	68	2
Green	56	791	14.1	62t	3
Anthony	30	296	9.9	30	1
Alstott	27	239	8.9	24	2
Moore	23	276	12.0	35t	5
Emanuel	22	238	10.8	39	1
Williams	21	176	8.4	14	0
McDonald	9	96	10.7	23	1
Hape	5	12	2.4	4	1
Murphy	4	28	7.0	9	0
Abdullah	2	11	5.5	8	0
J. Davis	2	7	3.5	6	1
McLeod	2	5	2.5	3	1
Robinson	1	17	17.0	17	0
BUCCANEERS	268	2781	10.4	68	18
OPPONENTS	302	3164	10.5	61t	11

INTERCEPTIONS	No	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD
Abraham	7	115	16.4	55t	2
Brooks	4	61	15.3	38	0
Barber	2	60	30.0	43	0
Robinson	2	36	18.0	36	0
Lynch	2	32	16.0	28	0
Nickerson	2	18	9.0	18	0
Kelly	1	26	26.0	26	0
Singleton	1	7	7.0	7	0
BUCCANEERS	21	355	16.9	55t	2
OPPONENTS	16	144	9.0	37	1

PASSING	Att	Comp	Yds	Cmp%	Yds/Att	TD	TD%	INT	INT%	Lg	Sack/Lost	Rating
Dilfer	244	146	1619	59.8	6.64	11	4.5	11	4.5	62t	26/189	75.8
King	146	89	875	61.0	5.99	7	4.8	4	2.7	68	11/78	82.4
Zeier	55	32	270	58.2	4.91	0	0.0	1	1.8	38	5/36	63.4
Royals	2	1	17	50.0	8.50	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0/0	79.2
BUCCANEERS	447	268	2781	60.0	6.22	18	4.0	16	3.6	68	42/303	76.5
OPPONENTS	573	302	3164	52.7	5.52	11	1.9	21	3.7	61t	43/291	60.1

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PUNTING	No	Yds	Avg	Net	TB	In20	Lg	Bk
Royals	90	3882	43.1	37.4	8	23	66	0
BUCS	90	3882	43.1	37.4	8	23	66	0
OPPONENTS	101	4150	41.1	35.4	11	27	61	0

PUNT RETURNS	Ret	FC	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD
Green	23	14	204	8.9	31	0
Williams	20	12	153	7.7	30	0
BUCCANEERS	43	26	357	8.3	31	0
OPPONENTS	49	13	360	7.3	31	0

KICKOFF RETURNS	Ret	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD
Anthony	21	434	20.7	39	0
Murphy	14	307	21.9	55	0
Green	10	185	18.5	29	0
Dunn	8	156	19.5	34	0
Alstott	1	19	19.0	19	0
Williams	1	15	15.0	15	0
BUCCANEERS	55	1116	20.3	55	0
OPPONENTS	61	1074	17.6	36	0

FIELD GOALS	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	Lg
Gramatica	0-0	8-8	10-12	6-8	3-4	53
BUCCANEERS	0-0	8-8	10-12	6-8	3-4	53
OPPONENTS	0-0	8-9	9-10	6-10	1-2	50

GRAMATICA: (23G, 36G) (51G, 24G) (38G, 35G) ( ) (41G,36G,36G) (49G, 43WL, 34G, 39WL) (36B, 49G) (35G, 51WL) (25G) (24G, 26G, 50G, 53G) (42G, 40G, 37G)(20G) ( ) ( ) (49G, 28G, 33G) (25G, 48B, 33G)

OPPONENTS: (36G) (39G, 26WL, 50WR) (44G) (37B) (42G, 49G, 38G, 43G, 45WL) (44WL, 28G) (47G, 50G) (29G, 39G, 37G) (20G, 42WL) (28G) (25G) (46WL,34G) (37G, 25G, 27G) (26G) (46G) (39G, 31G)

SACKS: Sapp 12.5, Jones 7.0, Ahanotu 6.5, Culpepper 6.0, Abraham 1.0, Brooks 2.0,White 2.0, Barber 1.0, T.Jackson 1.0, McFarland 1.0, Lynch 0.5, Nickerson0.5, Robinson 0.5, Singleton 0.5.
Buccaneers 43.0, Opponents 42.0.

1999 SPECIAL TEAMS STATISTICS

Player	Solo Tackles	Assists	Total Tackles	Fumbles For./Rec
Quarles	17	14	31	0/1
D. Davis	16	5	21	
Gooch	12	7	19	1/0
Smith	13	5	18	
D. Jackson	14	3	17	
Abdullah	10	6	16	
Singleton	11	4	15	
McLaughlin	12	2	14	
Kelly	7	1	8	
Duncan	6	1	7	1/0
Barber	6	0	6	
Young	3	1	4	
Unutoa	3	0	3	
Murphy	0	3	3	
Royals	2	0	2	
Vance	2	0	2	

MISCELLANEOUS STATISTICS

Defensive Touchdowns
Abraham 47-yard INT return vs. Kansas City (11/21)
Abraham 55-yard INT return vs. Minnesota (12/7)

Miscellaneous Tackles
Dunn 5, Middleton 3, Diaz 2, Green 2, King 2, Dilfer 1, Emanuel 1, Gruber 1, Mayberry 1, Moore 1, Wunsch 1

Miscellaneous Fumble Recoveries
Diaz 1, Dunn 1, King 1, Williams 1

Miscellaneous Forced Fumbles
Middleton 1

Blocked Field Goals
McLaughlin 1, at Minnesota, 10/3

Deflected Punts
Quarles 1 (vs. Kansas City, 11/14)
Singleton 1 (vs. Kansas City, 11/14)

Safeties
Culpepper 1 (vs. Detroit, 12/12)

1999 FINAL REGULAR SEASON DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

Player	Solo Tackles	Assists	Total Tackles	Sacks/ Yards	TFL	Ints./ Yards	For. Fum.	Fum. Rec.	Passes Def.
Brooks	122	58	180	2.0/22	9	4/61	2	2	18
Nickerson	70	71	141	0.5/1	3	2/18	3		6
Lynch	68	60	128	0.5/1	3	2/32	1		14
Robinson	48	47	95		1	2/36	1	2	11
Barber	49	25	74	1.0/10	2	2/60			16
Abraham	38	36	74	2.0/10		7/115	1		31
Culpepper	37	35	72	6.0/36.5	6		2		
Ahanotu	31	32	63	6.5/33	7				
Quarles	27	30	57						3
Sapp	28	26	54	12.5/94.5	1		3	2	2
Kelly	24	18		42		1	1/26		14
Jones	24	12	36	7.0/54			2		1
White	14	14	28	2.0/7	1			1	
Singleton	15	11	26	0.5/4		1/7			2
McFarland	8	5	13	1.0/6	2		1		
Smith	4	9	13						
T.Jackson	4	5	9	1.0/8					
Gooch	2	2	4						
Cannida	0	2	2						
McLaughlin	1	0	1						
D.Jackson	0	1	1						
Upshaw	0	1	1						

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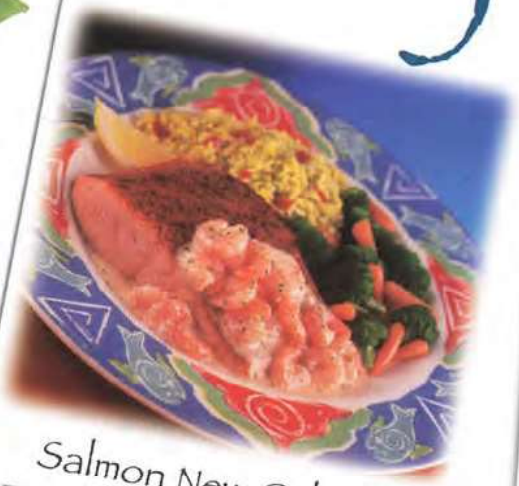

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27	Abdullah, Rabih	RB	6-1	227	25	3	Lehigh
21	Abraham, Donnie	CB	5-10	192	27	5	E. Tennessee St.
72	Ahanotu, Chidi	DE	6-2	285	29	8	California
40	Alstott, Mike	FB	6-1	248	27	5	Purdue
85	Anthony, Reidel	WR	5-11	180	23	4	Florida
20	Barber, Ronde	CB	5-10	184	25	4	Virginia
61w	Blick, John	T	6-6	323	22	R	Penn State
96	Bradley, Carl	DT	6-2	288	22	R	Virginia Tech
55	Brooks, Derrick	LB	6-0	235	27	6	Florida State
98	Cannida, James	DT	6-2	291	25	3	Nevada
62	Christy, Jeff	C	6-2	285	31	8	Pittsburgh
60	Coleman, Cosey	G	6-4	322	21	R	Tennessee
35	Cooper, Ashley	S	6-0	207	21	R	Mississippi State
77	Culpepper, Brad	DT	6-1	270	31	9	Florida
76	Curry, DeMarcus	T	6-5	332	25	1	Auburn
16	Daniels, Chris	WR	6-3	219	23	R	Purdue
67w	de Groh, Eric	C	6-4	318	23	1	West Virginia
65	Dogins, Kevin	C/G	6-1	301	27	4	Texas A&M-Kingsville
59	Duncan, Jamie	LB	6-0	242	25	3	Vanderbilt
28	Dunn, Warrick	RB	5-8	180	25	4	Florida State
37	Ellison, Jerry	RB	5-10	204	28	6	UT-Chattanooga
89	Freeman, Jason	TE	6-3	249	23	1	Oklahoma
46	Gibson, David	S	6-1	210	22	R	USC
50	Gooch, Jeff	LB	5-11	225	25	5	Austin Peay
7	Gramatica, Martin	K	5-8	170	24	2	Kansas State
81	Green, Jacquez	WR	5-9	168	24	3	Florida
14	Hamilton, Joe	QB	5-10	190	23	R	Georgia Tech
82	Hape, Patrick	TE	6-4	262	26	4	Alabama
79	Hegamin, George	T	6-7	331	27	7	N.C. State
17	Hogans, Tavarus	WR	5-10	191	21	R	Vanderbilt
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67r	Humphrey, Aaron	DE	6-3	260	22	R	Texas
34	Jackson, Dexter	S	6-0	196	23	2	Florida State
97	Jackson, Tyoka	DT/DE	6-2	280	28	6	Penn State
19	Johnson, Keyshawn	WR	6-4	212	28	5	USC
78	Jones, Marcus	DE	6-6	278	27	5	North Carolina
91	Jordan, Antony	LB	6-3	240	25	3	Vanderbilt
25	Kelly, Brian	CB	5-11	193	24	3	USC
10	King, Shaun	QB	6-0	225	23	2	Tulane
48	Kitts, Jim	FB	6-1	245	27	2	Ferrum
49	Lusk, Henry	TE	6-2	250	28	3	Utah
47	Lynch, John	S	6-2	220	28	8	Stanford
66	Mack, Kendell	T	6-4	322	25	1	Auburn
36	Mallard, Deshone	CB	5-10	188	24	1	Southern Miss
64	McDaniel, Randall	G	6-3	287	35	13	Arizona State
84	McDonald, Darnell	WR	6-3	199	24	2	Kansas State
92	McFarland, Anthony	DT	6-0	300	22	2	LSU
76	McKenzie, Damonte	DT	6-2	280	24	R	Clemson
95	McLaughlin, John	DE	6-4	247	24	2	California
43	McLeod, Kevin	FB	6-0	252	25	2	Auburn
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13	Milanovich, Scott	QB	6-3	220	27	4	Maryland
83	Moore, Dave	TE	6-2	258	30	8	Pittsburgh
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88	Murphy, Yo	WR	5-10	178	29	2	Idaho
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39	Parrish, Terrance	CB	5-11	190	23	R	Southern Miss
69	Pierson, Pete	T	6-5	315	29	6	Washington
33	Popavich, Jeff	S	5-11	190	22	R	Miami (FL)
80	Purnell, Lovett	TE	6-3	245	28	5	West Virginia
53	Quarles, Shelton	LB	6-1	230	28	4	Vanderbilt
24	Robinson, Damien	S	6-2	214	26	4	Iowa
3	Royals, Mark	P	6-5	215	35	12	Appalachian St.
23	Sanford, Ketric	RB	5-8	204	22	R	Houston
99	Sapp, Warren	DT	6-2	303	27	6	Miami (FL)
8	Shay, John	P	6-0	205	26	1	Temple
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75	Washington, Todd	C/G	6-3	324	24	3	Virginia Tech
52	Webster, Nate	LB	5-11	225	20	R	Miami (FL)
87	Whalen, James	WR	6-2	228	22	R	Kentucky
94	White, Steve	DE	6-2	271	26	5	Tennessee
86	Williams, Karl	WR	5-10	177	29	5	Texas A&M-Kingsville
18	Williams, Michael	WR	5-10	185	22	R	Arkansas
71	Wunsch, Jerry	T	6-6	339	26	4	Wisconsin
44	Yoder, Todd	TE	6-4	234	22	R	Vanderbilt
31	Young, Floyd	CB	6-0	179	24	4	Texas A&M-Kingsville
15	Zeier, Eric	QB	6-1	214	27	6	Georgia

Cool Under Pressure

QB Shaun King Assumes the Reins of the Buccaneers' Offense

By Carter Toole

It was essentially a meaningless drive.

But there was rookie quarterback Shaun King, barking orders in the huddle with 2:55 left and the Bucs trailing 13-9 at Washington. King was Tampa Bay's third-string quarterback, mopping up the last preseason game of 1999. Both the Bucs and Redskins were 3-0 and, while an undefeated preseason campaign is nothing to sneeze it, the primary objective for both teams was to avoid any injuries. When King took the snap, most of the crowd had already departed, hoping to get a jump on the Labor Day traffic that engulfed the Beltway.

Yet King acquitted himself well, methodically marching the Bucs to the Redskins three-yard line with 12 seconds left. On fourth down, he lofted a pass to fellow rookie Darnell McDonald in the end zone, lifting Tampa Bay to a 16-13 win. King trotted off the field victorious, although he knew that he would soon be relegated back to third string behind Trent Dilfer and Eric Zeier.

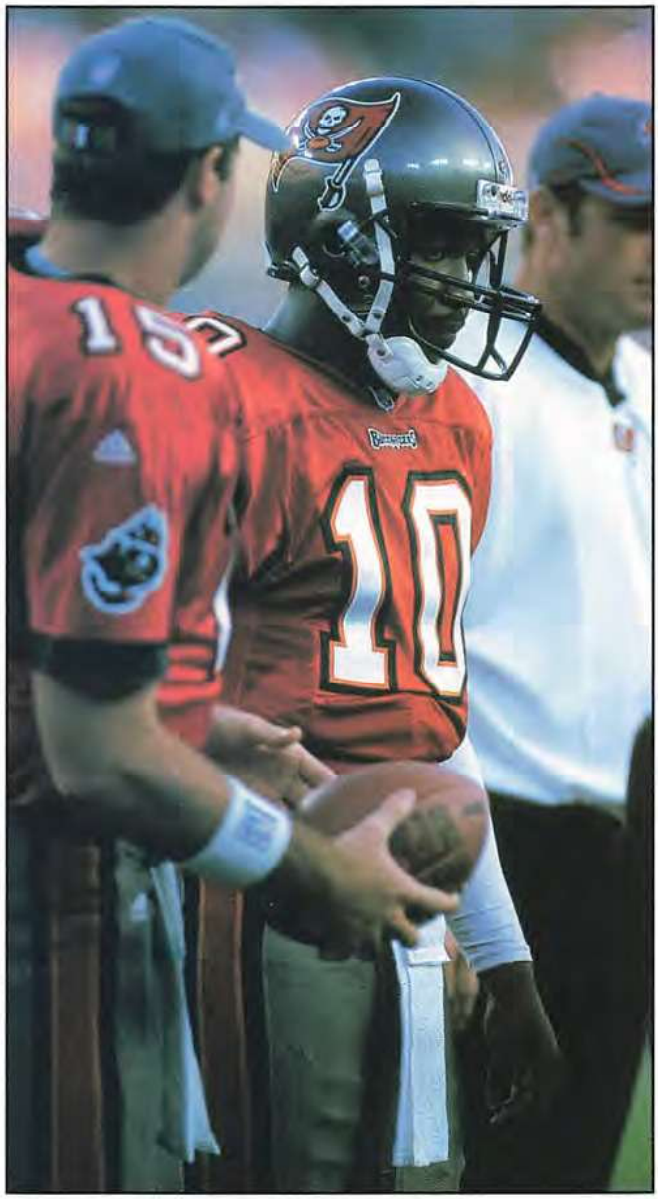
"I was still excited," he says. "To be given that opportunity and come through, that was a big step in my development. I knew I might be in that situation again."

Four months later, King did find himself in a similar situation. It happened to be against the Redskins. But the stakes were slightly higher.

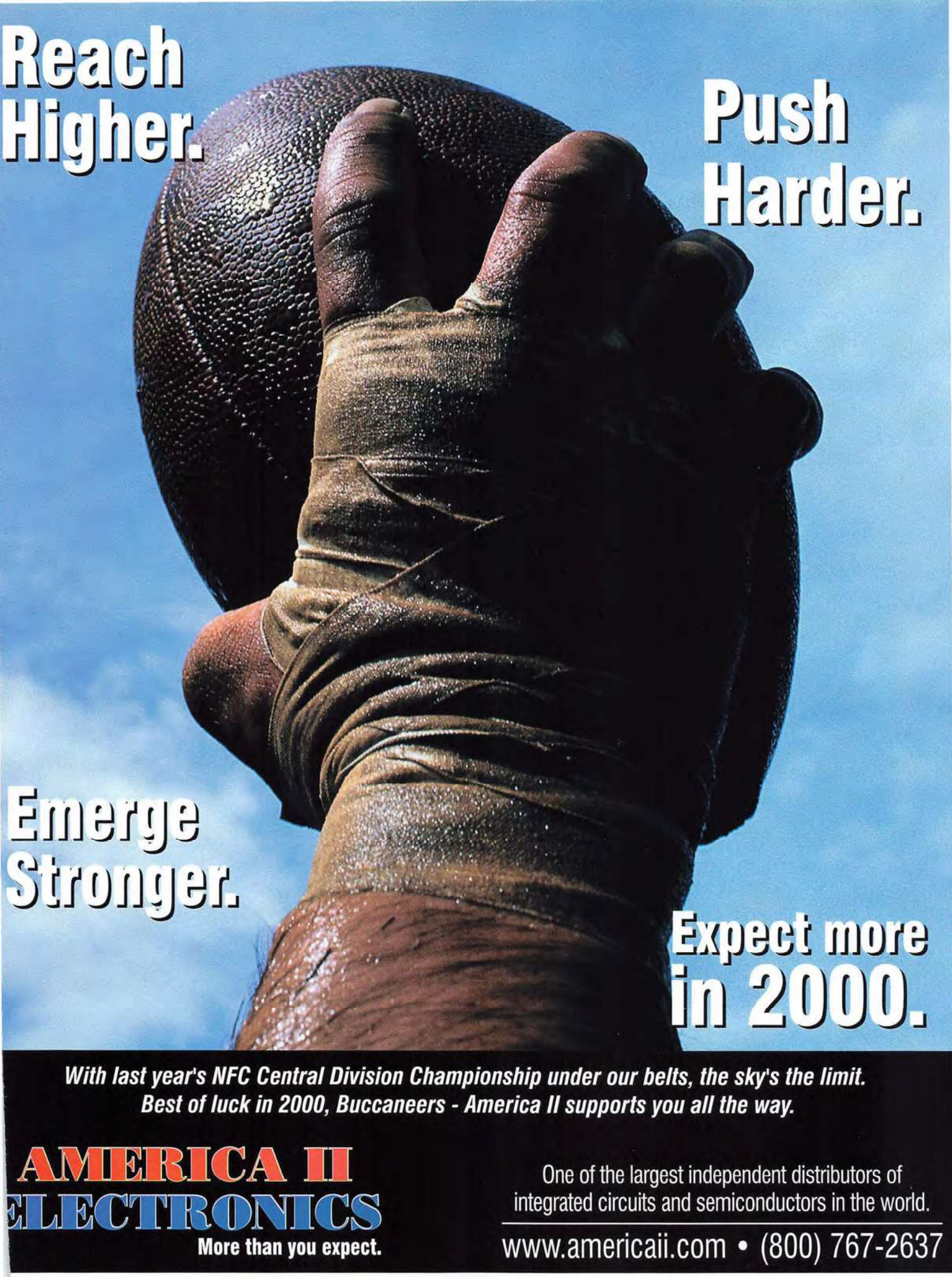
"Not many rookies get to experience those types of pressure situations," Bucs head coach Tony Dungy says.

The situation was this – the Buccaneers versus Washington in an NFC divisional playoff contest in Tampa. Most of the players on the field at the end of that preseason affair had long been dismissed. But there, once again behind center, was King. And he would be asked to orchestrate another comeback.

Tampa Bay fell behind 13-0 in the third quarter before S John Lynch intercepted a pass. King escorted the Bucs to the end zone, cutting the margin to six



Quarterback Shaun King posted a 4-1 record as a starter last season.



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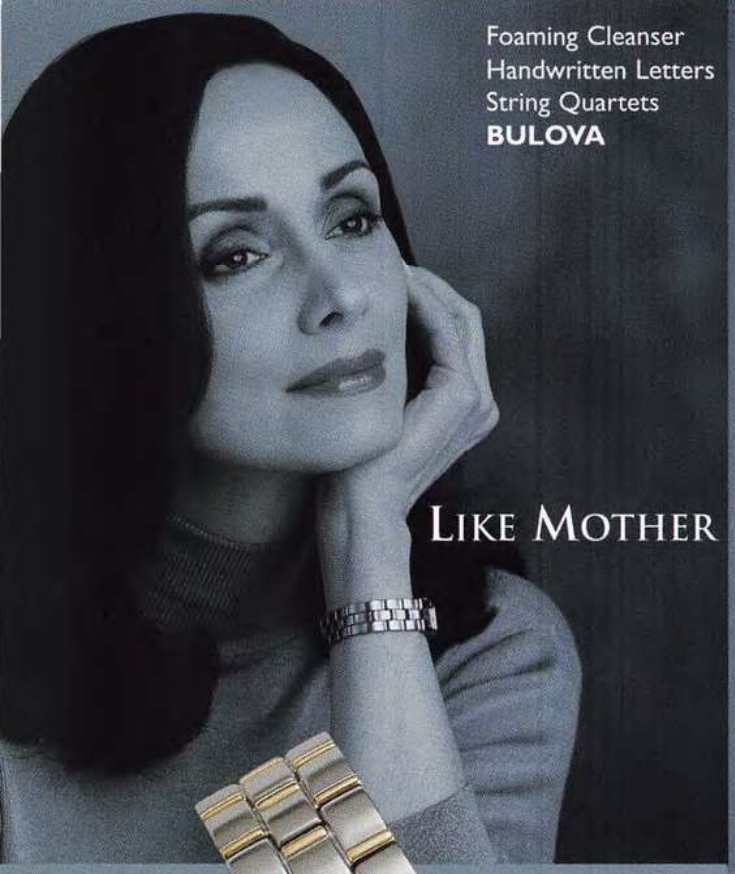

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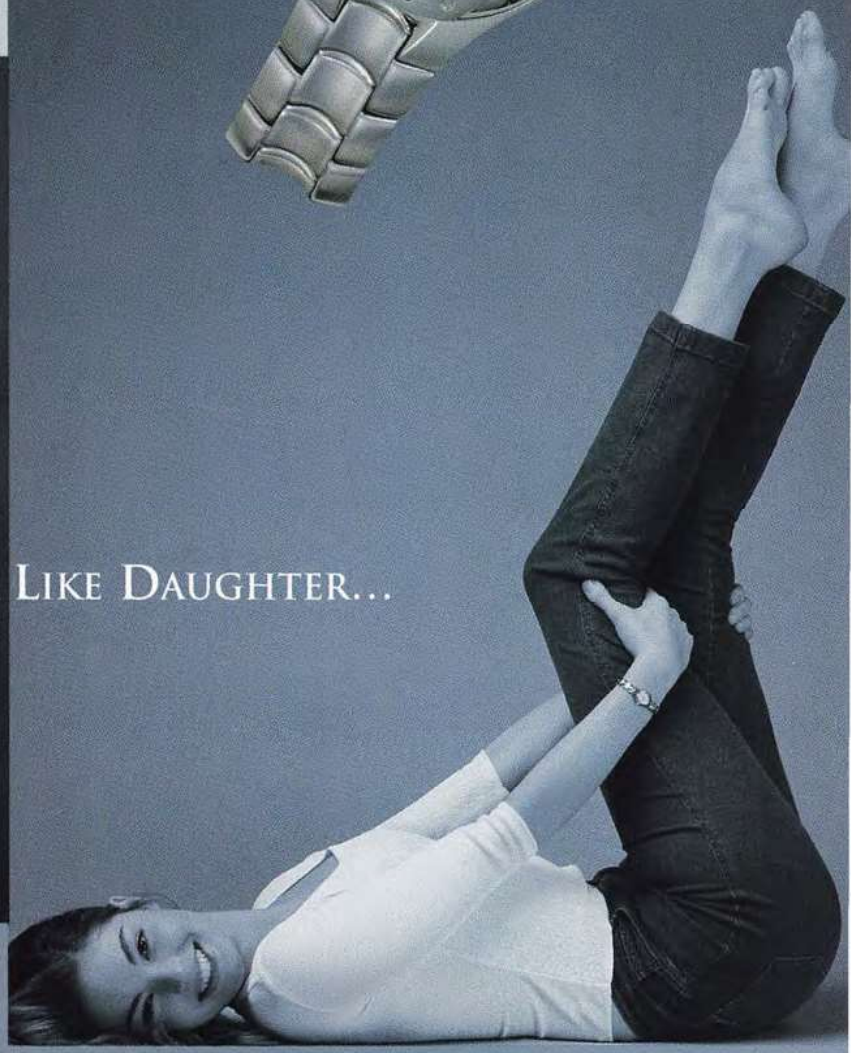

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King completed 61 percent of his passes, resulting in a passer rating of 82.4.

points. Then the defense gave King great field position again, forcing a fumble that was recovered at the Redskins 32. Tampa Bay marched to the one-yard line, but faced a 3rd and goal dilemma. Pound the ball up the gut or run a play-action fake?

The Bucs put their faith in the rookie. King faked the handoff then turned to his right, where he was immediately greeted by Redskins DE Ndukwe Kalu. With no time to set his feet, King improvised, tossing a jump pass to a wide-open John Davis in the end zone before Kalu came crashing down on him. Then he listened.

"I just heard the crowd," King says. "I knew that he caught it."

The Bucs went up 14-13 and held on to advance to the NFC Championship Game. In the process, King became only the second rookie QB to win a playoff game since the 1970 NFL-AFL merger. The five previous rookie QBs to start a playoff game went a collective 1-4 with four TDs and 13 INTs. The Rams' Pat Haden was the lone signal-caller to win, leading Los Angeles to a 14-12 win in a divisional playoff contest at Dallas (12/19/76).

"I saw an NFL quarterback, I didn't see a rookie," Redskins 17-year CB Darrell Green said.

The season may not have ended the way he envisioned, but King captivated football fans around the country with his late-season exploits. After toting a clipboard for the first 10 weeks of the season, King was pressed into duty early in the second half of Tampa Bay's Week 11 contest at Seattle (11/28) when Dilfer went down with a clavicle injury. King led the Bucs to a 16-3 win at the Kingdome, then escorted the team to a 4-1 record down the stretch, helping Tampa Bay secure its first NFC Central title in 18 years. Three of those four victories were of the come-from-behind variety, including a scintillating Monday Night win over Minnesota in his initial start. King threw for seven TDs and compiled a remarkable fourth-quarter passer rating of 132.6.

Not too shabby for a rookie.

"Shaun did a great job coming down the stretch for us and I don't think there's any doubt that we wouldn't have been there had he not played that well coming down the stretch," Dungy says. "Last year certainly helped him. It's going to be a big, big benefit to him down the road."

Now King enters the 2000 season as the unquestioned starter, a road less traveled for most NFL sophomores. Yet on his young shoulders sit the loftiest expectations this franchise has ever carried. The Bucs, one win away from the Super Bowl a season ago, are favored by many to take that extra step. And Super Bowl XXXV just happens to be in their own crib — Raymond James Stadium. The Tampa Bay area is salivating as fall approaches.

Pressure? You can't sense any when you talk to King. He remains as calm and collected as he did down the stretch last season.

"I'm just going to go out and do my job," King says. "If people have high expectations for us, that just means that we've got a good team and we've got a chance to win every time we step on the field. And that's exciting."

Not that King needs any reassurance, but the bold moves that Tampa Bay made to upgrade its offense during the offseason can only serve to help the second-year signal-caller. First, Tampa Bay hired Les Steckel as offensive coordinator. Steckel, a 20-year NFL coaching veteran, held the same position for Tennessee the past three seasons, leading the Titans to their first Super Bowl last January.

Steckel helped groom Tennessee QB Steve McNair from first-round pick to Super Bowl starter. And he likes what he sees so far in King.

"Shaun is an accurate passer and a capable passer," Steckel says. "He's still at an early stage in his development but he's eager to learn the offense and he worked extremely hard during the offseason."

After hiring Steckel, the Buccaneers signed two Pro

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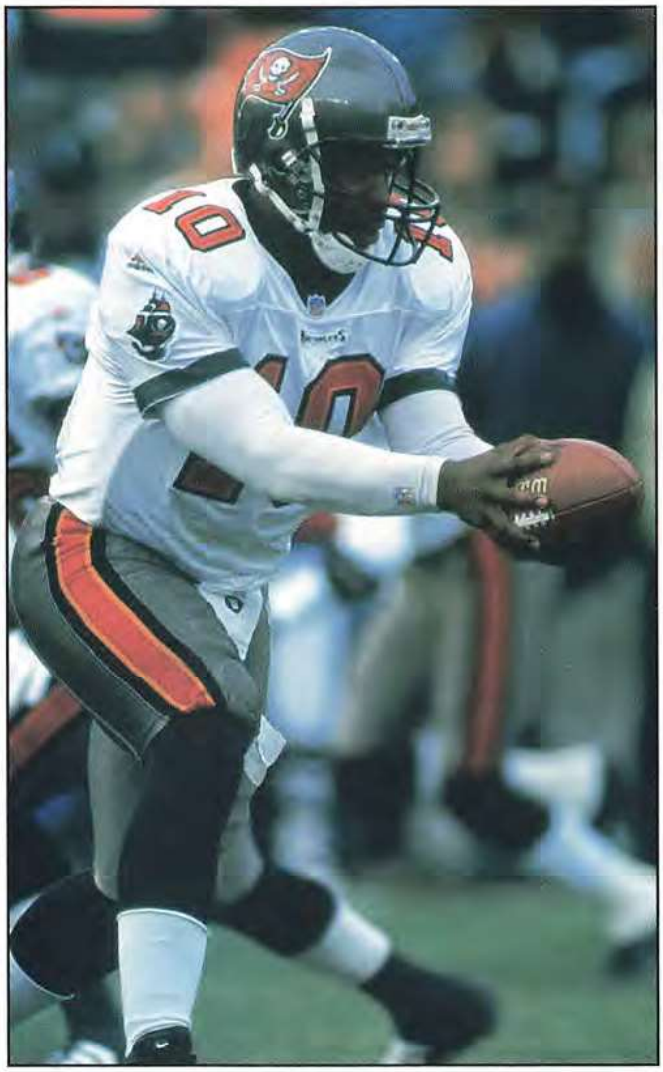
Bowl performers from division rival Minnesota — C Jeff Christy and G Randall McDaniel. Christy has been the NFC's starting center in the past two Pro Bowls, while McDaniel has started a league-record 11 consecutive games in Honolulu. Then Tampa Bay pulled off the most celebrated move of the offseason, acquiring WR Keyshawn Johnson from the Jets for its two first-round draft picks.

King now has a new offensive scheme, a revamped offensive line and one of the league's most prolific wideouts at his disposal. All of which bodes well for an offense that struggled last season, ranking 28th in the league.

"I think our fans will like the new offense," King says. "It gives us a chance to make plays, which should put more points on the board. And that's what we need."



Can King sustain his rookie heroics through an entire season? The Buccaneers are banking on it.

KING FOR A DAY

Last January, Shaun became the first rookie QB in 23 years to win a playoff game. Here's how his numbers stack up against other rookie starters over that time span:

Pat Haden, LA @ DAL (12/19/76):	21-10-152,	0 TD, 3 INT,	W, 14-12
Dan Marino, SEA @ MIA (12/31/83):	25-15-193,	2 TD, 2INT,	L, 27-20
Bernie Kosar, CLE @ MIA (1/4/86):	19-10-66,	1 TD, 1 INT,	L, 24-21
Jim Everett, LA @ WAS (12/28/86):	18-9-136,	1 TD, 2 INT,	L, 19-7
Todd Marinovich,LA @ KC (12/28/91):	23-12-140,	0 TD, 4 INT,	L, 10-6
Shaun King, WAS @ TB (1/15/00):	32-15-157,	1 TD, 1 INT,	W, 14-13

Tampa Bay has no shortage of offensive weapons. Behind King is one of the more potent backfields in the league in RB Warrick Dunn and FB Mike Alstott. Each topped 1,000 yards of total offense last season. And Johnson, who can already boast 305 career receptions in his first four NFL seasons, should attract lots of attention from opposing defenses.

"Adding a receiver with Keyshawn's talent and leadership is going to elevate everyone's game," King says. "You can see it out on the practice field. Nobody works harder out there."

Yet despite leading the Bucs into the playoffs as a rookie, some view King as Tampa Bay's weak link on the road to the Super Bowl. Was last year a fluke? Can he run a new offense? King hears the whispers.

"I've heard that and I guess I understand," King says. "I'm a second-year quarterback. But that can only serve to motivate me. It's my job to run this offense and make the key play at the key moment. Everybody on this team knows what I can do."

Especially the head coach.

"Shaun has had a terrific offseason," Dungy says. "I think he's going to be a fantastic quarterback in the NFL. He's got a great future."

Our advice? Don't bet against King. He resurrected Gibbs High School in St. Petersburg, lifting them from oblivion into the state playoffs. He resurrected Tulane's floundering football fortunes, leading the Green Wave to a 12-0 mark his senior year, the school's first unbeaten campaign in 67 years. And King watched patiently as five QBs were selected ahead of him in the 1999 NFL Draft. All five of those signal-callers will start this year. But only King has a division title and a playoff win in his back pocket.

"Last season was incredible, watching this community get excited about this team. But that's behind us and now I can't wait for this season to start. We're going to have a lot of fun."

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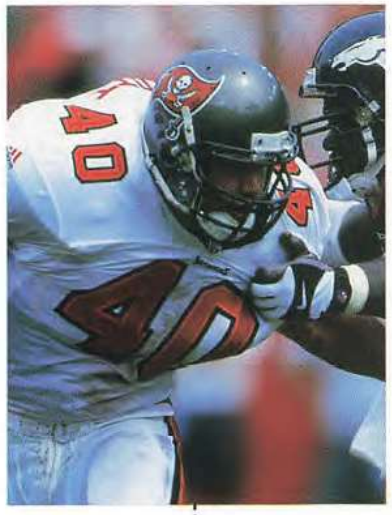
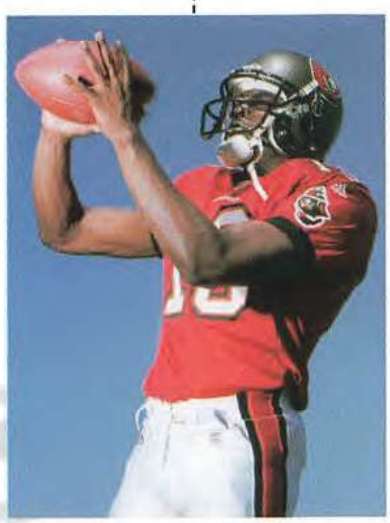
Tampa Bay's offense will add some new wrinkles under new offensive coordinator Les Steckel. But the inherent philosophy will remain the same — pound the ball on the ground to open up passing lanes downfield.

Second-year QB Shaun King completed 61 percent of his passes last season en route to a 4-1 record as a starter. FB Mike Alstott and RB Warrick Dunn each topped 1,000 yards from scrimmage, the only backfield tandem in the league to do so. And WR Jacquez Green enjoyed a breakthrough second season, averaging 14.1 yards per catch.

But King now has another weapon at his disposal in former Jets WR Keyshawn Johnson. The fifth-year pro can boast 305 catches and 31 TDs in just four NFL seasons. Tampa Bay also snagged some free agent talent up front, adding 11-time Pro Bowl G Randall McDaniel and two-time Pro Bowl C Jeff Christy to the lineup. The two former Vikings will look to push the Bucs further up the rushing ladder and give King ample time to show off his arm.





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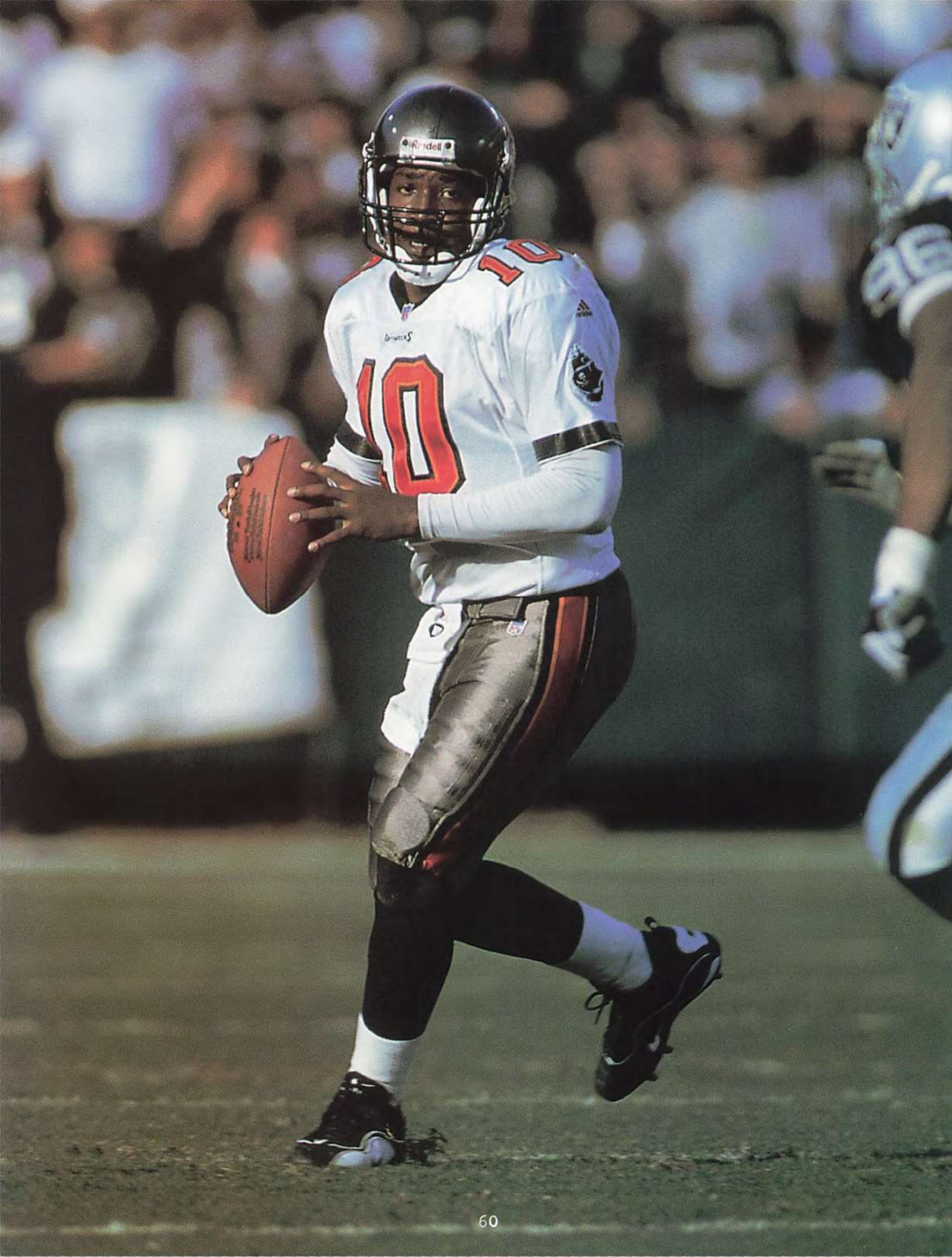
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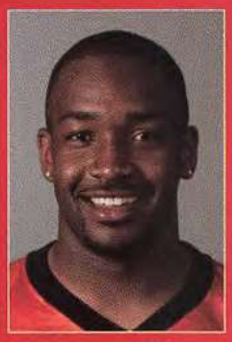
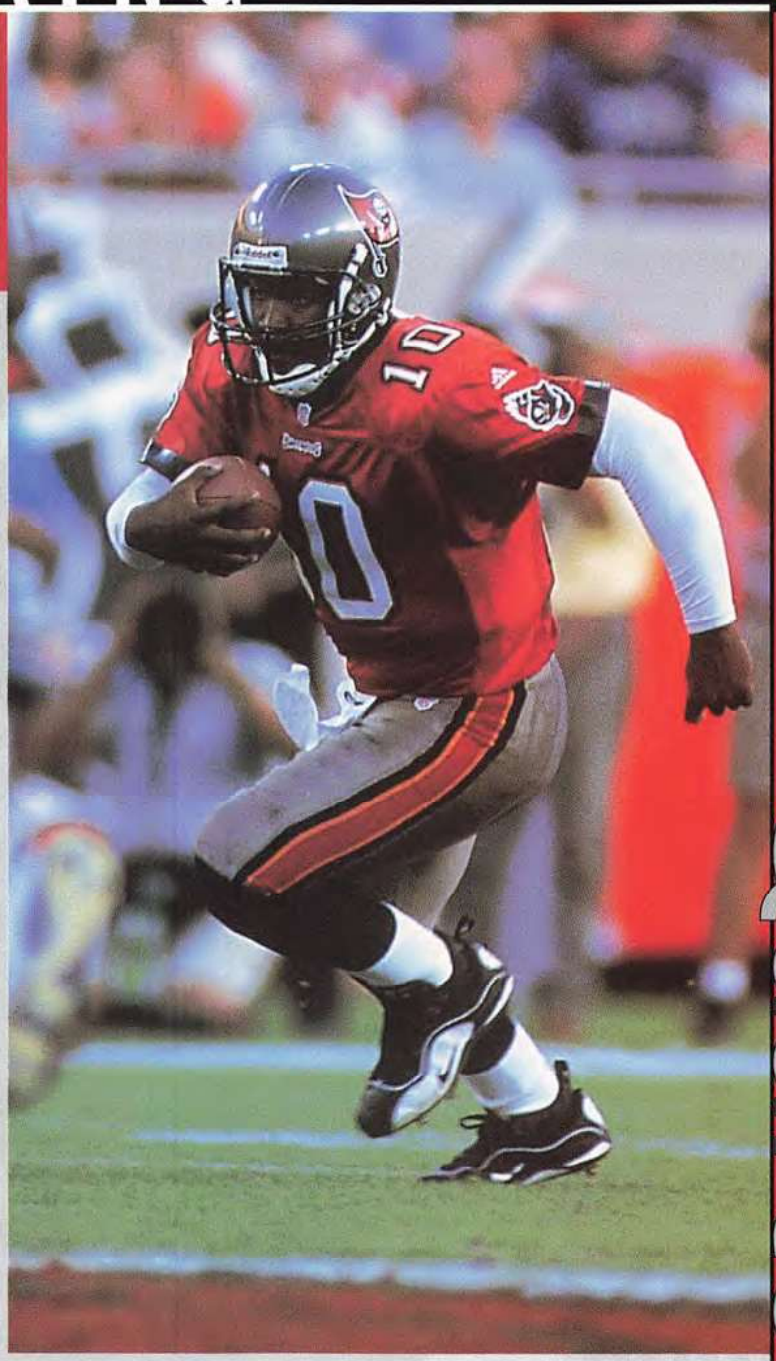
Last season, Shaun led the Bucs to a 14-13 divisional playoff win over Washington, becoming just the second rookie QB since the 1970 NFL-AFL merger to lead his team to a postseason victory.





HT: 6-0 WT: 225
NFL: 2nd Year College: Tulane

Quiet, yet confident signal-caller who enters his second NFL campaign as Tampa Bay's starting QB...After toting a clipboard for the first 10 weeks of the season, he became a national story almost overnight...Summoned off the bench in Week 11 contest at Seattle after incumbent QB Trent Dilfer suffered a broken clavicle... Promptly escorted the Bucs to a 16-3 win, then to their first NFC Central Division title in 18 years...Threw for seven TDs and four INTs, while completing 61 percent of his tosses...His seven TD passes tied Doug Williams' club rookie record (1978)...Named NFL Offensive Rookie of the Month for December...Compiled a remarkable fourth-quarter passer rating of 132.6 during the regular season.

1999: Played in the final six games of the regular season, starting the last five...Also started both playoff contests...Completed 89 of 146 passes (61.0 percent) for 875 yards, seven TDs and four INTs...Compiled a passer rating of 82.4...Replaced Dilfer on the third play of the second half at Seattle (11/28)...Hit TE Patrick Hape on a two-yard TD toss in the fourth quarter to seal the 16-3 win...Made his starting debut in Monday Night battle between 7-4 Bucs and 7-4 Vikings (12/6)...Completed 11 of 19 passes for 93 yards, with two TDs and one INT in 24-17 win...Completed 23 of 37 attempts for 297 yards (all career-highs) with two TDs and one INT in 23-16 win over Lions (12/12)...Hit RB Warrick Dunn on career-long 68-yard pass...Completed club-playoff-record 15 of 32 passes for 157 yards with one TD and one INT in divisional playoff win over Washington (1/15), rallying Bucs from 13-0 deficit.

College/Personal: Resurrected Tulane's football program, leading the Green Wave to a 12-0 record as a senior while setting an NCAA record for single-season passing efficiency (183.3)...Consensus prep All-America at Gibbs High in St. Petersburg...Born 5/29/77 in St. Petersburg.

Quarterback

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MIKE ALSTOTT

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Mike paced the Bucs last season with a career-high 949 rushing yards. He also accounted for all seven of Tamps Bay's rushing TDs. The Bucs own a 25-4 record when Mike hits the end zone.

HT: 6-1 WT: 248
NFL: 5th Year College: Purdue

Cementing his status as the league's poster-boy fullback...Fresh off his third consecutive Pro Bowl and third consecutive Associated Press All-Pro nod...Hall of Fame DE Lee Roy Selmon is the only other Buccaneer to earn three consecutive All-Pro selections...Combines brute force with underrated speed...Led Bucs in rushing last year for the first time in his career, racking up a career-high 949 yards...Already ranks fifth on Tampa Bay's all-time rushing list (2,837 yards) and is tied for fourth on the club's all-time scoring list (204 points)...His 34 career TDs tie him with TE Jimmie Giles for second on the team's all-time list (RB James Wilder, 46).

1999: Started all 16 games, earning Associated Press All-Pro honors and a trip to the Pro Bowl...Rushed for a career-best and team-leading 949 yards on a career-high 242 carries (3.9 avg.)...Accounted for all seven of Tampa Bay's rushing TDs...Also caught 27 passes for 239 yards and two scores...Rushed for a career-high 131 yards on a career-best 25 carries in 13-10 win over Denver (9/26)...Toted the ball 25 times for 117 yards and one score in 31-16 win at New Orleans (11/7)...Collected 95 yards on 23 carries in Monday Night win over Vikings (12/6), including season-best 30-yard scamper...Scored twice in the fourth quarter to rally Bucs to 23-16 win over Lions (12/12)...Carried 19 times for 79 yards and two TDs in win over Packers (12/26)...Turned in a highlight-reel scoring scamper that ignited a two-TD rally in 14-13 divisional playoff triumph over Washington (1/15).

College/Personal: Voted Purdue's MVP in each of his last three seasons...Racked up 3,635 yards on 644 carries (5.6 avg.) with 39 TDs...Finished as the Boilermakers' all-time leading rusher...Formed Mike Alstott Football Camp in 1997, which spawned entire Bay Area flag football league...Has one son, Griffin...Born 12/21/73 in Joliet, Illinois.

Fullback

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WARRICK DUNN

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Warrick led the Bucs last season with a career-high 64 receptions for 589 yards and two TDs.

HT: 5-8 WT: 180
NFL: 4th Year College: Florida State

Electrifying back who can hurt opposing defenses on the ground, through the air and on special teams...Already ranks sixth on the club's all-time rushing list with 2,620 career yards...Also ranks 10th on the Bucs' all-time receptions list with 147 career grabs, totaling 1,395 yards...Despite missing most of training camp with a hamstring injury, still managed to top 1,000 yards from scrimmage for the third consecutive year...Paced the Bucs with a career-high 64 receptions in 1999 – the third-most receptions by a Tampa Bay RB in one season...Owns the longest run in club history (76 yards) and is tied with James Wilder for most 100-yard rushing games in a season (5, 1997).

1999: Started 15 games, missing one contest (Minnesota, 12/6) with a left ankle sprain...Rushed for 616 yards on 195 carries (3.2 avg.)...Caught a team-leading 64 passes for 589 yards (9.2 avg.) and two TDs...Rushed for a season-best 82 yards on 24 carries in win at Philadelphia (9/19)...Caught six passes for 41 and one TD at Green Bay (10/10)...Recorded a career-high 11 catches for 77 yards at Detroit (10/31)...Rushed for team-leading 66 yards against Kansas City (11/14)...Snagged six passes for a career-high 115 yards in 23-16 win over Lions (12/12)...Turned a screen pass into a career-long 68-yard jaunt, setting up Tampa Bay's first TD just before halftime...Paced Bucs with six receptions for 48 yards and one TD in 29-10 win over Packers (12/26)...Led team with 80 yards on 16 carries in division-clinching victory at Chicago (1/2).

College/Personal: Florida State's all-time leading rusher with 3,959 yards...Averaged 6.9 yards per carry, the top mark by an NCAA player since the 1940s...Plays prominent role off the field through his nationally-acclaimed "Homes for the Holidays" program, which assists single-parent families in acquiring houses...Born 1/5/75 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

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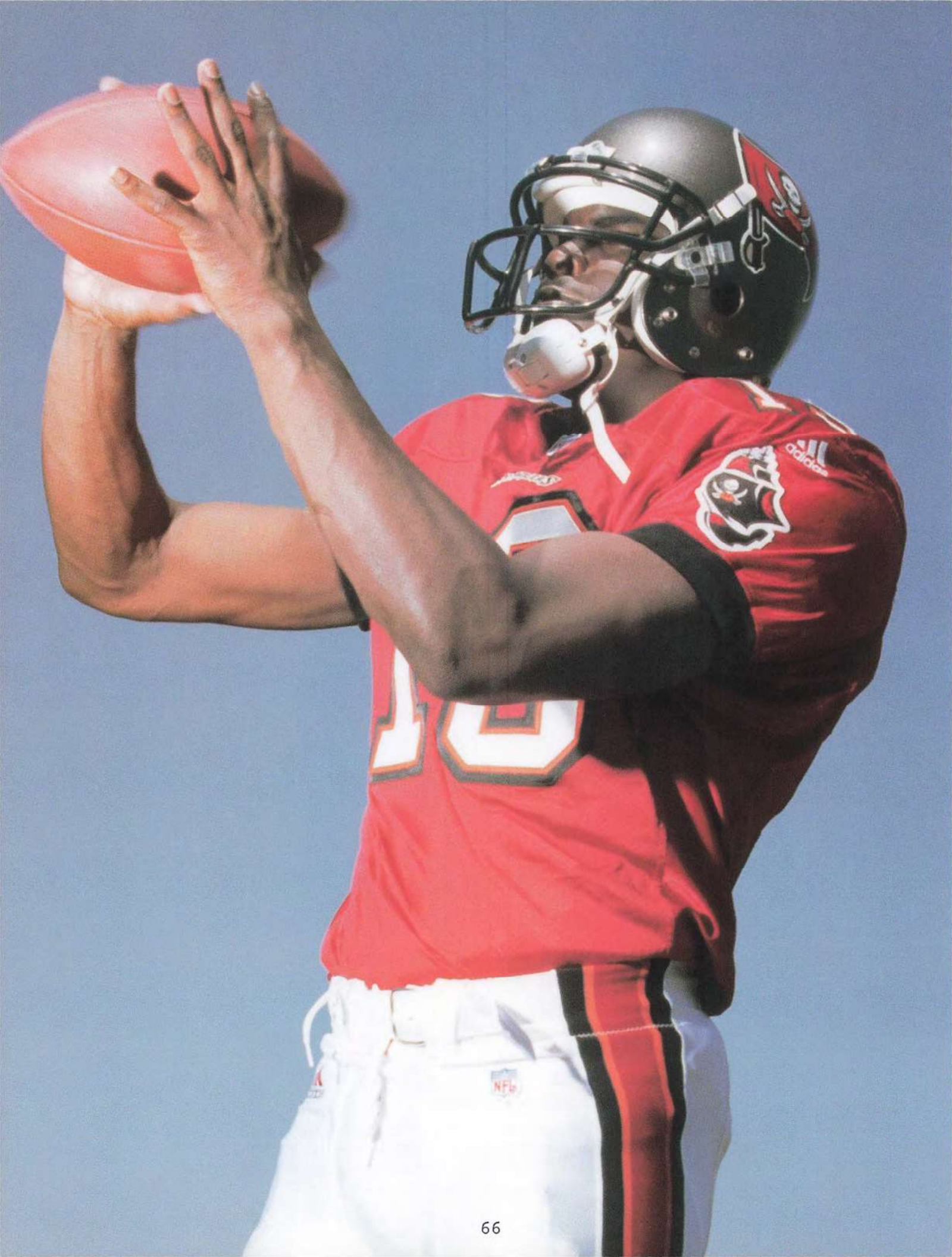
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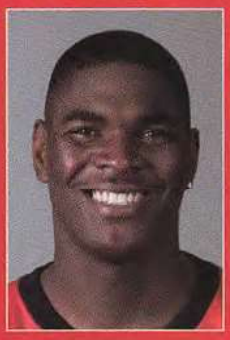
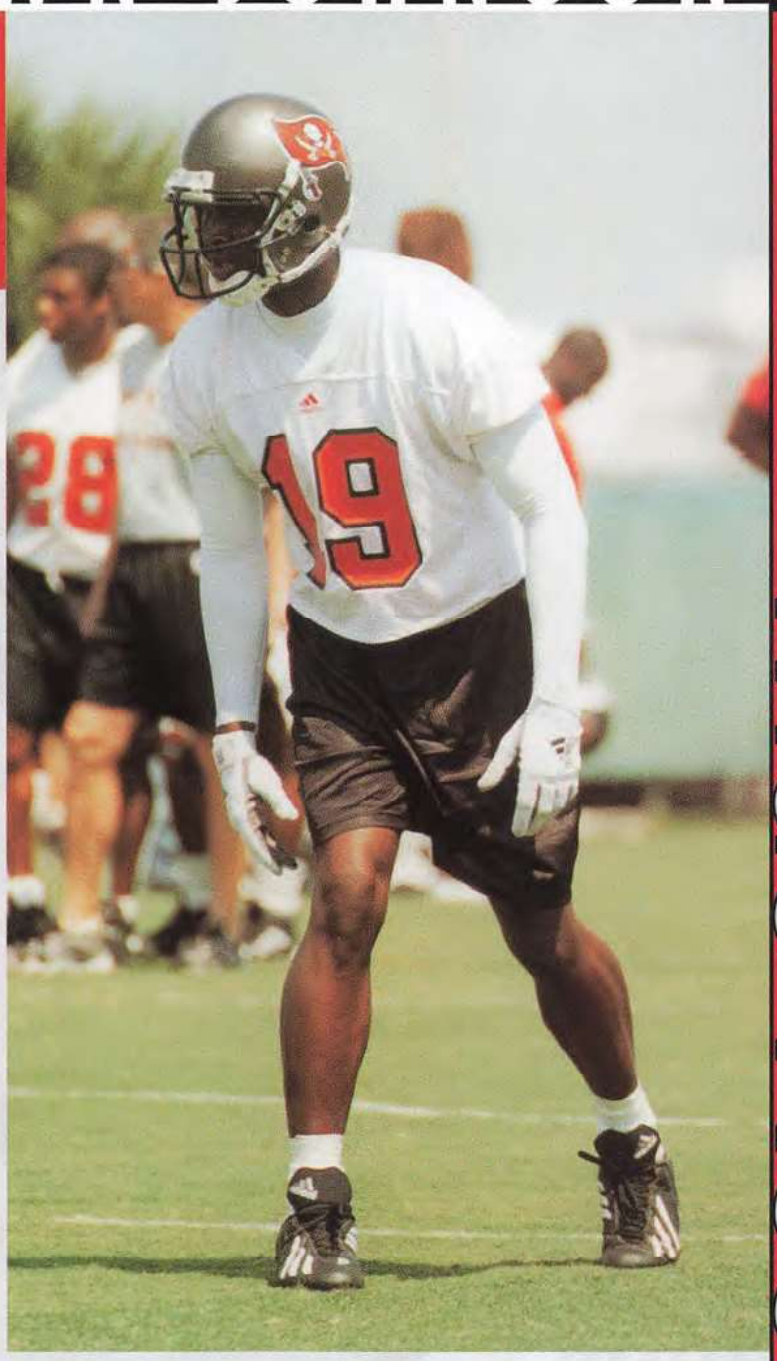
KEYSHAWN JOHNSON 19

Keyshawn was the top overall pick in the 1996 NFL Draft, the first wide receiver selected with the first pick since Irving Fryar in 1984.





HT: 6-4 WT: 212
NFL: 5th Year College: USC

One of the league's fastest, toughest and most electrifying receivers... Played the past four seasons with the New York Jets, who drafted him with the top overall selection of the 1996 NFL Draft...Has averaged 76 catches per season over his first four years in the NFL, earning trips to the past two Pro Bowls...Signed an eight-year contract on April 12, capping a courtship that dominated NFL headlines leading up to the draft...One of the league's most charismatic figures and one who can boast 305 career catches for 4,108 yards (13.4 avg.) and 31 TDs...His 305 receptions through four seasons ranks third in league annals, behind the Colts' Marvin Harrison (311, 1996-99) and Atlanta's Andre Rison (308, 1989-92).

1999: Started all 16 games...Posted a career-high 89 catches for a career-best 1,170 yards (13.1 avg.) and eight TDs...Opened season with eight grabs for career-high 194 yards and one TD versus New England (9/12)...Caught eight passes for 98 yards and one score in victory at Denver (10/3)...Hauled in six passes for 57 yards and one score in Monday Night win over Patriots (11/15)...Posted 10 catches for 98 yards and one TD in cross-town loss to Giants (12/5)...Turned in career day in victory over Miami (12/12)...Bagged career-high 11 catches for 144 yards and two TDs...Had six receptions for 96 yards in win at Dallas (12/19)...Posted three catches for 27 yards and one score in second win over Dolphins (12/27).

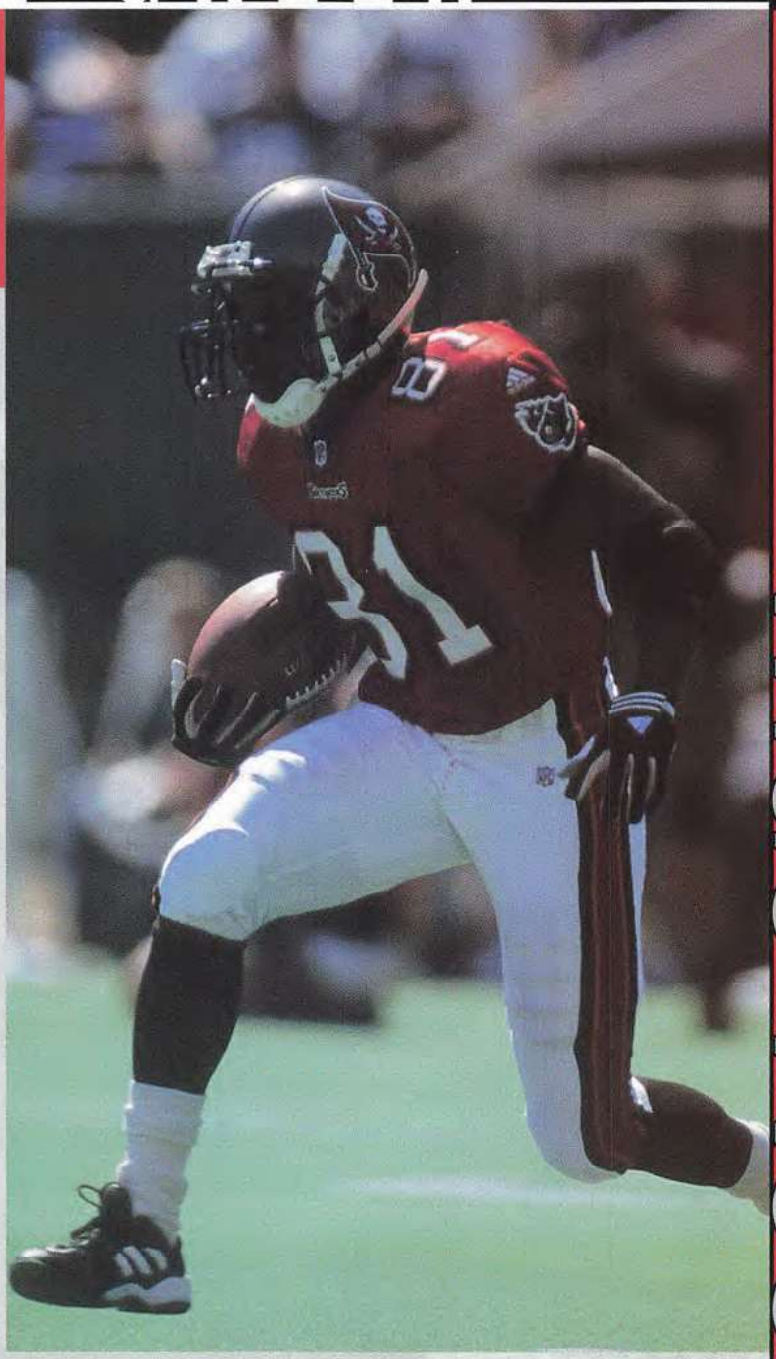
College/Personal: Two-time All-America selection at Southern California...Played two seasons for the Trojans after transferring from West Los Angeles Junior College...Ranks second on USC's career receptions (176) and receiving yards list (2,940)...Ranks fourth among Trojans with 19 TD catches...Set school and Pacific-10 records for single-season receptions (102) as a senior... Married to Shikiri, couple now lives in Tampa with daughter, Maia (5), and son, Keyshawn, Jr. (2)...Born 7/22/72 in Los Angeles, California.

Wide Receiver

JACQUEZ GREEN

81

Jacquez paced Bucs WRs last season with 56 receptions for 791 yards and three scores - all career-highs. His 10 catches in the division-clinching win at Chicago tied a club mark for most receptions by a WR in a single game.



HT: 5-9 WT: 168
NFL: 3rd Year College: Florida

Electrifying WR who emerged as Tampa Bay's go-to receiver last season...One of the fastest receivers in the league...Paced Bucs WRs last season in receptions, receiving yards and TDs...Averaged a team-best 14.1 yards per grab...Cracked the starting lineup in Week 7 at Detroit and never relinquished it...Also dangerous on returns...Averaged 15.1 yards per punt return as a rookie, the second-best mark in club annals...Holds the Bucs record for longest punt return, a 95-yard score at Green Bay (9/13/98).

1999: Played in all 16 games, starting nine...Finished second on the club and first among WRs with 56 catches for 791 yards and three TDs...Also finished seventh in the NFC with an 8.9-yard average on punt returns...Assumed starting role at Detroit (10/31) and snagged seven passes for 96 yards...Paced team with four catches for 89 yards and a 62-yard TD in 31-16 win at New Orleans (11/7)...Collected seven catches for a career-high 164 yards and a 52-yard TD in 17-10 win over Kansas City (11/14)...Yardage total tied Mark Carrier (at Chicago, 11/19/89) for the sixth-best single-game total in club history...Led team with five catches for 70 yards and one score in Monday Night win over Vikings (12/6)...Collected a career-high 10 receptions for 113 yards in division-clinching win at Chicago (1/2)...Paced team with four catches for 59 yards in NFC Championship Game at St. Louis (1/23).

College/Personal: Returned a school-record four punts for scores at Florida...Hauled in 133 catches for 2,181 yards and 23 TDs as a Gator...First-team All-America selection as a senior...Born 1/15/76 in Fort Valley, Georgia.

Wide Receiver

REIDEL ANTHONY

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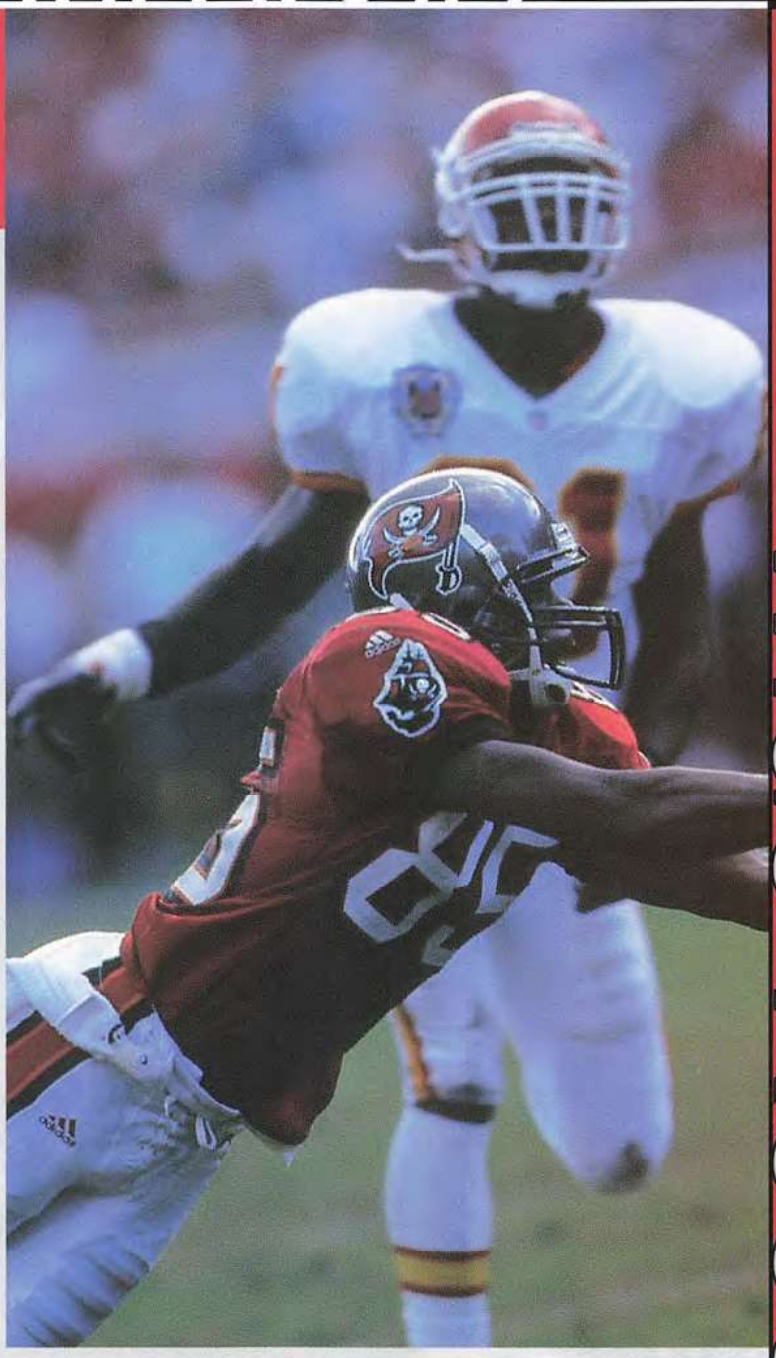
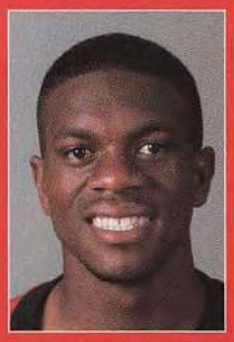
Reidel is Tampa Bay's all-time leader in kickoff return yardage with 2,144 career yards on 92 attempts (23.3-yard average).





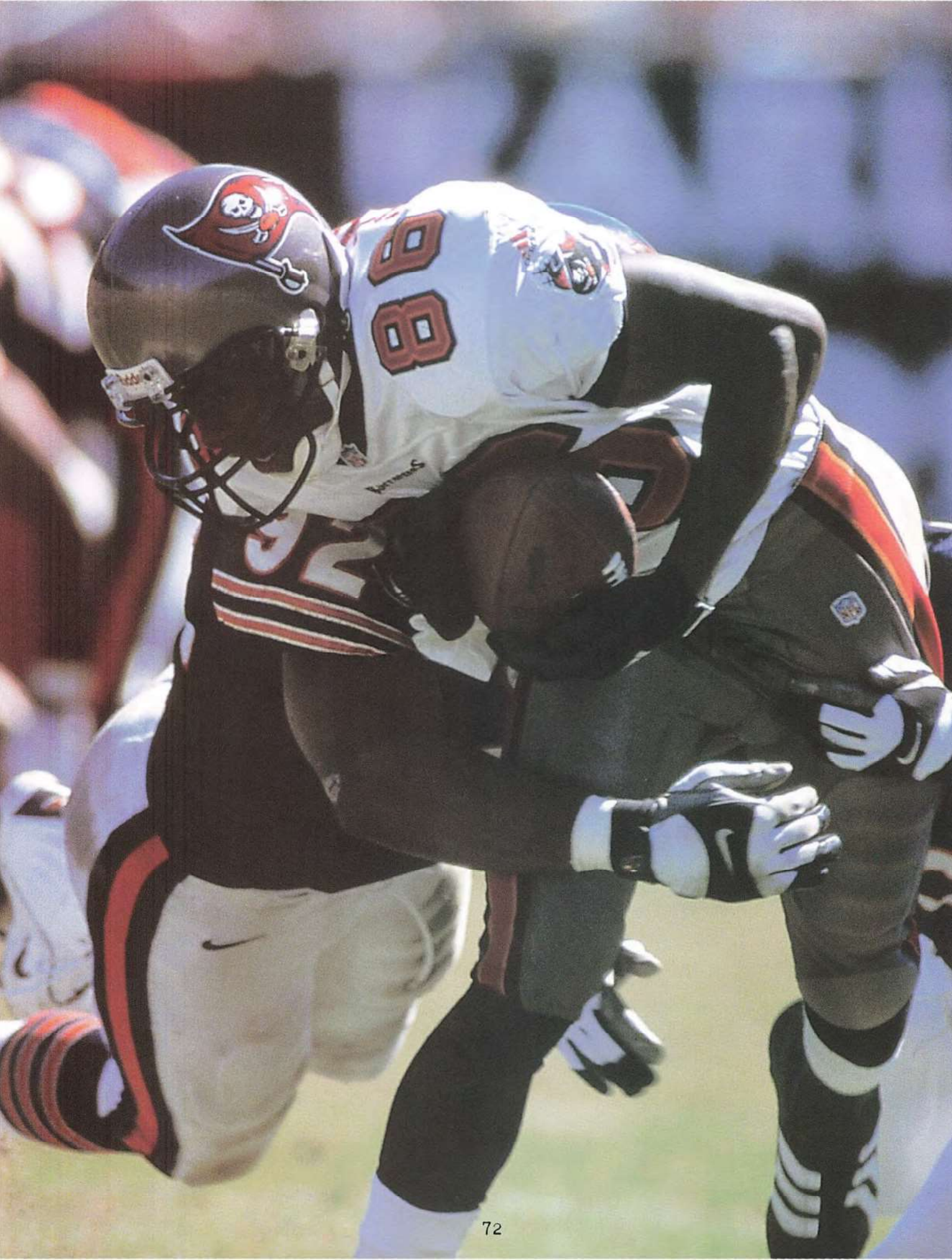
Wide Receiver

HT: 5-11 WT: 180
NFL: 4th Year College: Florida

Fluid receiver who is looking to shake off an injury-plagued 1999 campaign...Can boast 116 receptions for 1,452 yards (12.5 avg.) and 12 TDs in his first three seasons...Led team with 51 catches in 1998, adding 30 receptions last season...Also one of the team's top kick returners...Owns the club's all-time kickoff return yardage record with 2,144 career yards (23.3 avg.)...Selected 16th overall in the 1997 NFL Draft – the only WR ever taken by Tampa Bay in the first round.

1999: Played in 13 games, starting seven contests...Posted 30 receptions for 296 yards (9.9 avg.) and one TD...His 30 catches ranked third on the squad behind RB Warrick Dunn and WR Jacquez Green...Tied his career-high with seven grabs for 86 yards and one TD at Minnesota (10/3)...Hauled in three passes for 23 yards at Green Bay (10/10)...Caught five passes for 47 yards versus Chicago (10/24)...Made three catches for 28 yards against Kansas City (11/14)...Notched a season-best 39-yard kickoff return at Seattle (11/28), surpassing WR Michael Morton (1,885) as the club's all-time leader in kickoff return yardage...Hauled in one crucial reception for 30 yards in 23-16 win over Detroit (12/12)...Slipped underneath coverage to make grab on 3rd and 17, setting up FB Mike Alstott's game-tying TD...Missed season finale at Chicago (1/2) and both playoff contests with a left quadriceps strain.

College/Personal: Caught 23 TD passes at Florida, ranking third on the Gators' all-time list...Ranked second in UF annals with 2,274 receiving yards...Father is the current mayor of South Bay, Florida...Born 10/20/76 in Pahokee, Florida.



KARL WILLIAMS

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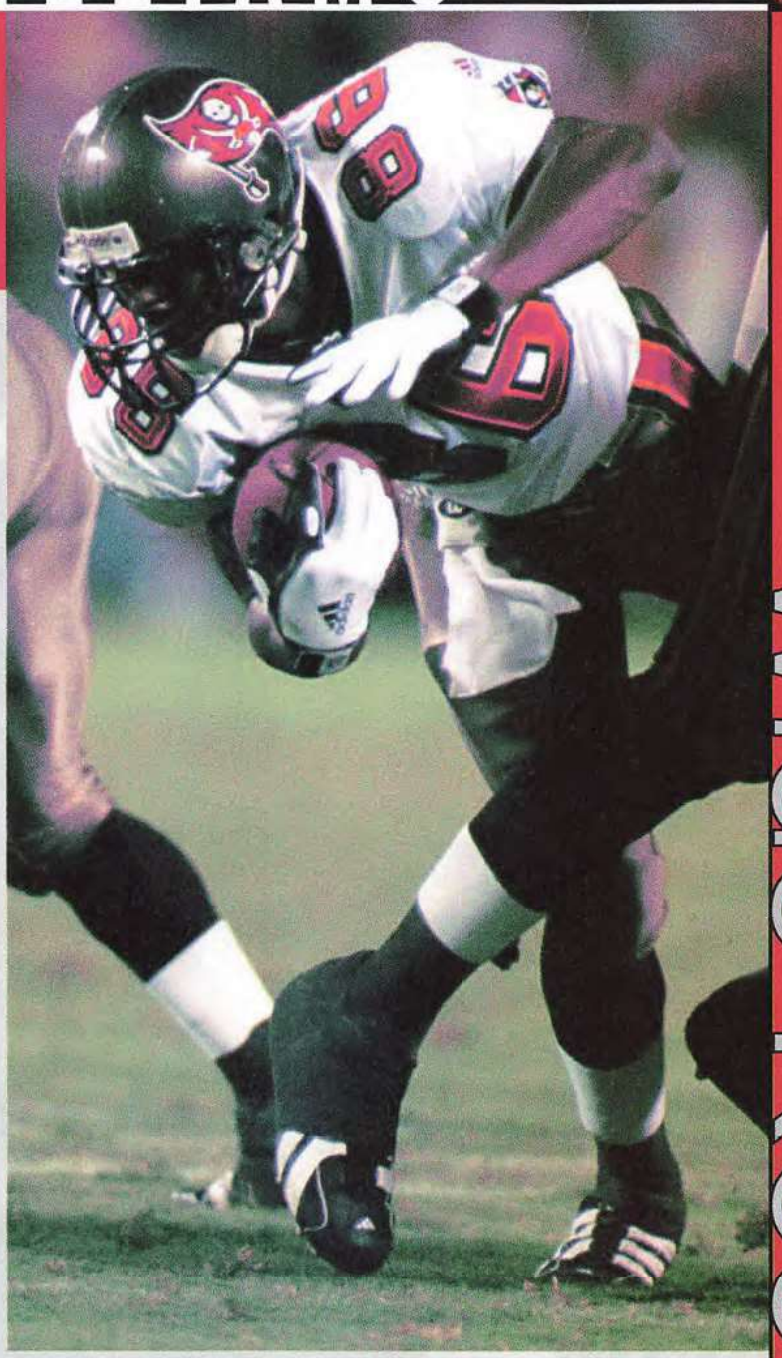
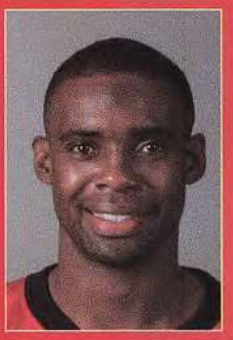
Karl is tied with Raiders CB Darrien Gordon as the NFL's all-time punt return average leader. Both players boast a 12.4-yard average. Karl has returned two punts for scores in four seasons with the Buccaneers.





HT: 5-10 WT: 177
NFL: 5th Year
College: Texas A&M-Kingsville

Talented, sure-handed receiver who has emerged into a legitimate threat, especially on third down... Has posted 20-plus receptions in each of his first four NFL seasons...Owns franchise record for career punt return average (12.4) and has scored two career TDs on punt returns...Can also boast club records for most punt return yards in a single game (116, vs. Chicago 12/21/97), best single-season punt return average (21.1 in 1996) and best single-season kickoff return average (27.4 in 1996).

1999: Played in 12 games with six starts at WR...Finished the season with 21 receptions for 176 yards...Also returned 20 punts for 153 yards (7.7 avg.)...Inserted in starting lineup for injured Bert Emanuel (hamstring) at Green Bay (10/10)...Suffered mild foot sprain against Chicago (10/24) that sent him to the sidelines for three weeks...Became the NFL's all-time punt return average leader with a one-yard return in the second quarter against Atlanta (11/21), vaulting him past Oakland's Darrien Gordon...Hauled in a season-high four receptions for 31 yards against the Lions (12/12)...Despite suffering a right thigh bruise at Oakland (12/19), matched a season-high with four receptions for 44 yards...Posted two catches for 28 yards and returned four punts for 45 yards at St. Louis in the NFC Championship Game (1/23).

College/Personal: Caught 66 passes for 1,190 yards and 10 TDs in just two seasons at Kingsville...Helped Javelinas reach NCAA Division II semifinals as a senior...Born 4/10/71 in Albion, Michigan.

Wide Receiver

DAVE MOORE

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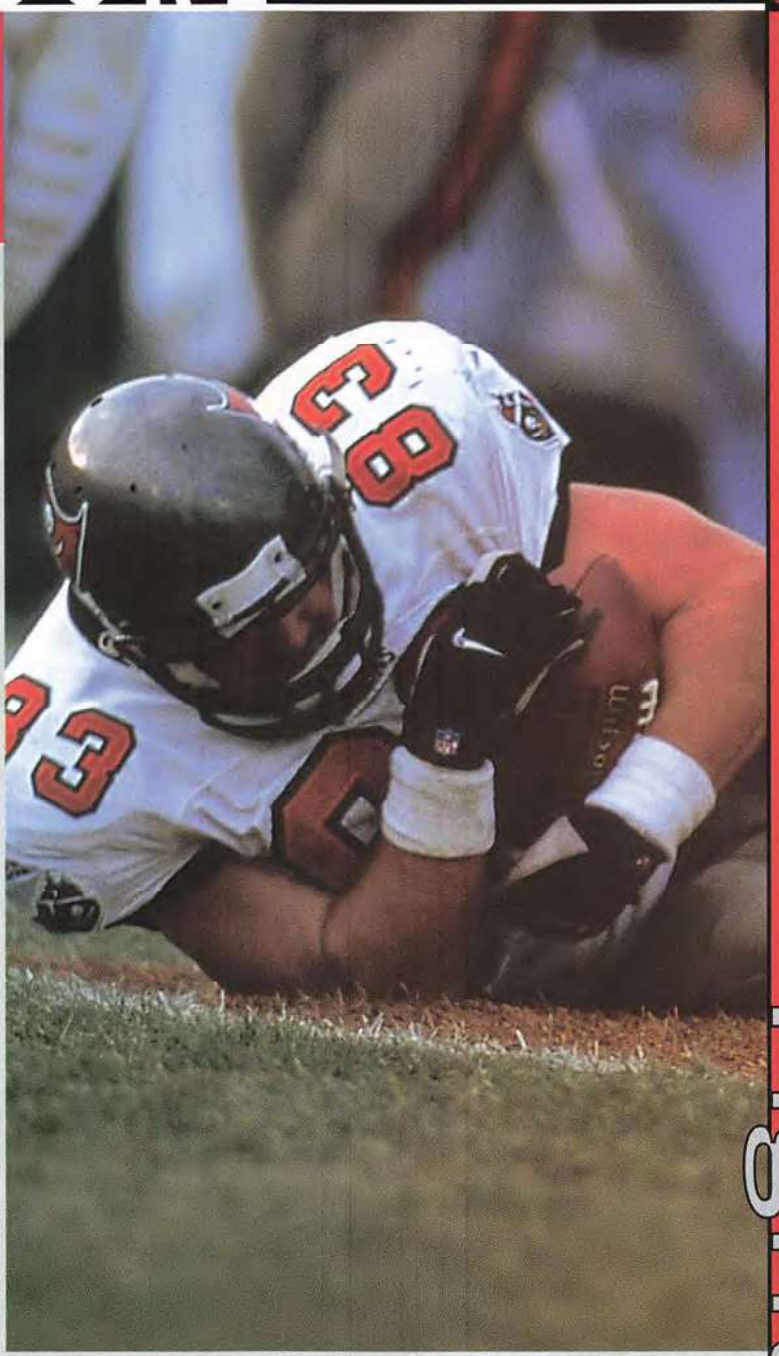
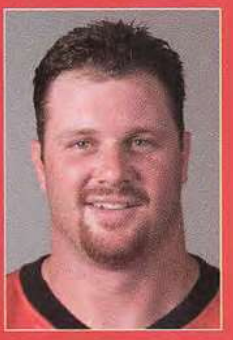
Dave paced Tampa Bay with a career-high five TD catches last season. Nearly 15 percent of his career receptions have been for scores.





HT: 6-2 WT: 258
NFL: 8th Year College: Pittsburgh

Superior blocking TE who boasts great hands and a knack for securing big catches...Has solidified starting role over past two seasons after spending his first six campaigns as a spot starter...Signed a new three-year contract on March 20...Paced the Bucs with a career-high five TD receptions last season...His 17 career TD receptions have accounted for an astounding 14.8 percent of his 115 career catches...That ranks as the highest scoring rate among Buccaneers with at least 40 career receptions...His 17 TDs currently tie him for fifth with WR Gerald Carter on the Bucs' all-time list...Has played in 87 consecutive regular-season contests, ranking first among current Buccaneers.

1999: Started all 16 games for the second consecutive season, plus both playoff contests...Caught 23 passes for a career-high 276 yards and a career-best five TDs...His five scoring grabs paced the club...Played in 100th career game in the season-opener against the Giants (9/12), catching two passes for 27 yards, including a one-yard TD...Posted a season-high four receptions for 58 yards and one TD at Minnesota (10/3)...Caught three passes for a season-high 56 yards in 17-10 win over Kansas City (11/14)...Scored on a 35-yard catch, stiff-arming Chiefs S Jerome Woods en route to the end zone...Made a leaping, one-yard TD grab that proved to be the winning score in 24-17 Monday Night win over Vikings (12/6)...Put the finishing touch on Tampa Bay's first division title in 18 years at Chicago (1/2)...Hauled in a one-yard scoring toss from QB Shaun King, giving Bucs a 20-6 lead in the fourth quarter...Caught two passes for 32 yards in divisional playoff win over Washington (1/15)...Both grabs occurred on Tampa Bay's third-quarter TD drive that ignited a 14-point comeback.

College/Personal: Hauled in 89 receptions for 1,023 yards and five TDs at Pittsburgh...Lined up with new Bucs teammate Jeff Christy...Married to Ann Marie, couple has a daughter, Halee, and a son, Jake...Born 11/11/69 in Morristown, New Jersey.

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JEFF CHRISTY

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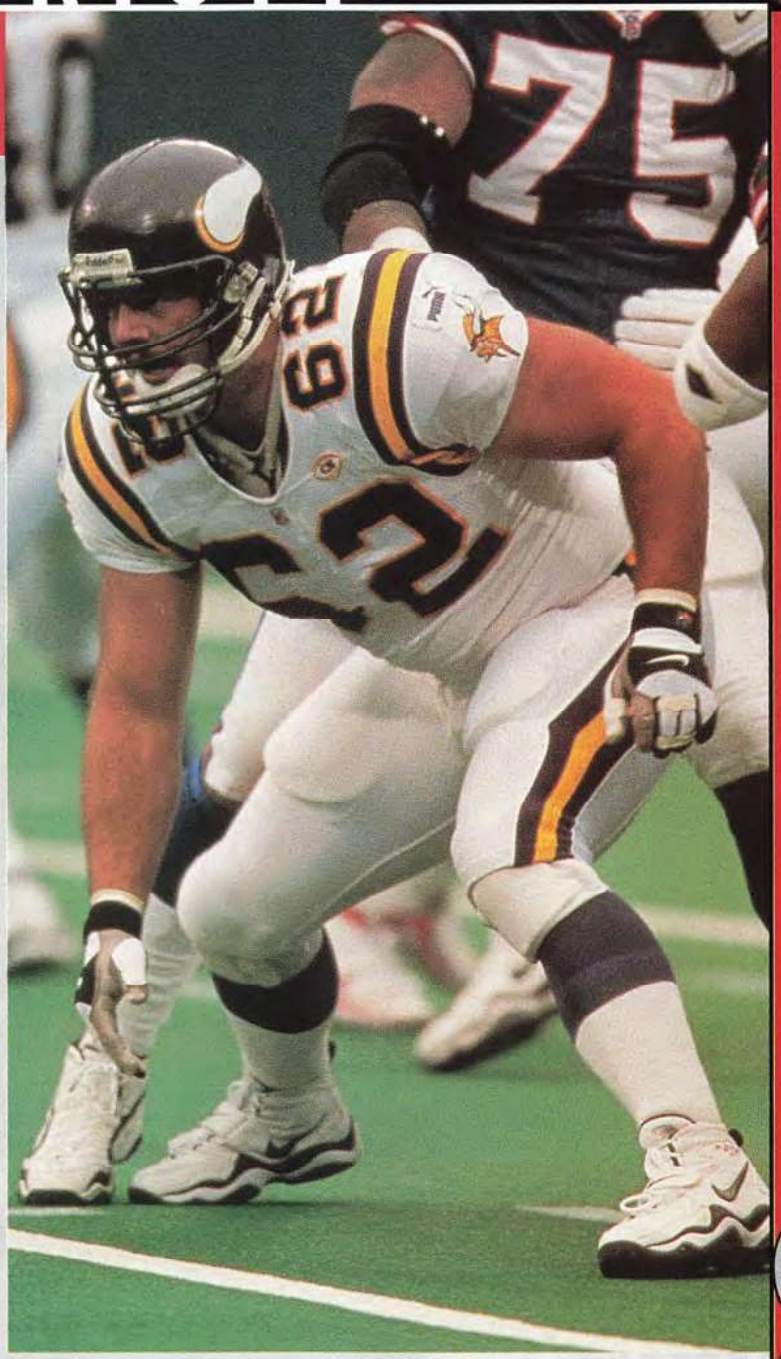
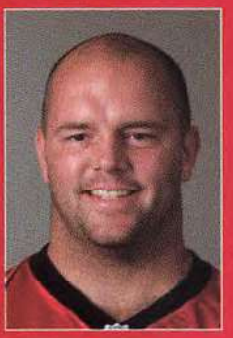
Jeff has been the NFC's starting center in the last two Pro Bowls.





HT: 6-3 WT: 285
NFL: 8th Year College: Pittsburgh

Tampa Bay's first offseason acquisition...Signed a five-year contract as an unrestricted free agent on February 15...Spent his first seven NFL seasons with NFC Central rival Minnesota...Durable, athletic lineman who possesses outstanding run-blocking skills...Can muck it up inside and pull effectively outside the trenches...Emotional leader of a Vikings offense that ranked third, second and eighth in the NFL in total offense the past three seasons...Starting C in the past two Pro Bowls...Has started 92 career games, third all-time among Vikings centers...Has also played in seven career playoff games, starting six...Blocked for a 1,000-yard rusher in four of his six seasons as a starter.

1999: Started all 16 games and two playoff contests for potent Vikings offense that finished third in the NFL (362.1 yards per game)...Earned second consecutive Pro Bowl nod...Named first-team All-NFL by *Pro Football Weekly*...Selected first-team All-NFC by *Football News*...Helped RB Robert Smith crack the 1,000-yard rushing barrier for the third consecutive season...Keyed offense that produced a 100-yard rusher and receiver for the second time in Vikings playoff history in 27-10 wild card win over Dallas (1/9).

College/Personal: Four-year letterman at the University of Pittsburgh...Earned All-Big East honors as a senior...Married to Kristen, couple has a daughter, Nicolette, and a son, Mac...Nicknamed "Krusty"...Owns the lone Jeep Wrangler that has been modified with a Dodge Viper engine...Born 2/3/69 in Freeport, Pennsylvania.

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JASON ODOM

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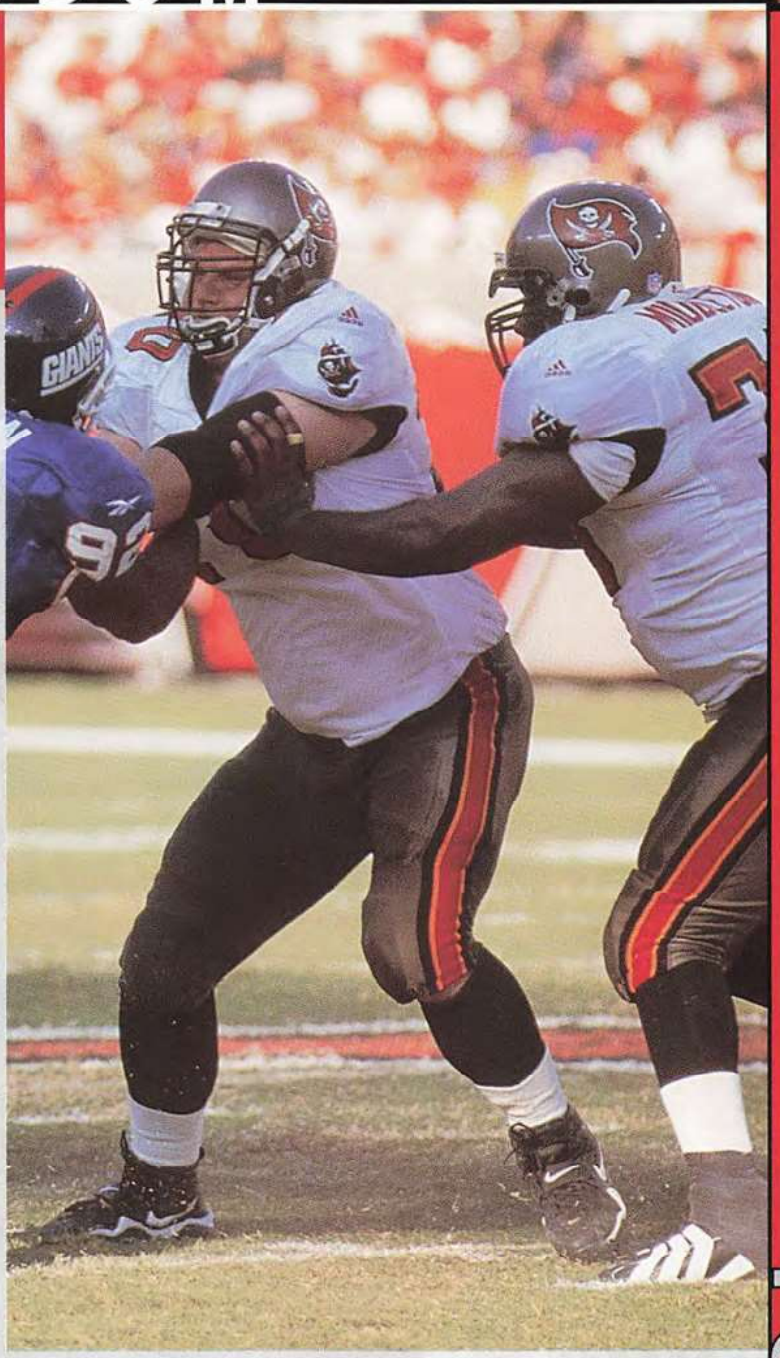
Jason missed most of last season with a back injury, but signed a new three-year contract during the offseason.



HT: 6-5 WT: 312
NFL: 5th Year College: Florida

Strong and explosive lineman who is looking to rebound from a back injury that all but canceled his 1999 campaign...Will move to the starting LT slot this season after spending his previous four seasons on the right side...Signed a new three-year contract on February 29...Boasts 41 career starts.

1999: Started the first three games of the season at RT...Helped Bucs average 132.6 yards rushing yards per game in jumping out to a 2-1 record...Missed Tampa Bay's Week 4 contest at Minnesota (10/3) with a back injury...Inactive for the next seven contests before being placed on injured reserve November 24.

College/Personal: Earned a starting spot as a freshman, eventually starting 46 of 49 games at Florida...First back-to-back winner of the Jacobs Trophy, awarded to the SEC's top blocking lineman...Married to Linda, couple has a daughter, Lauren Hannah...Born 3/31/74 in Winter Haven, Florida.

Tackle

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JERRY WUNSCH

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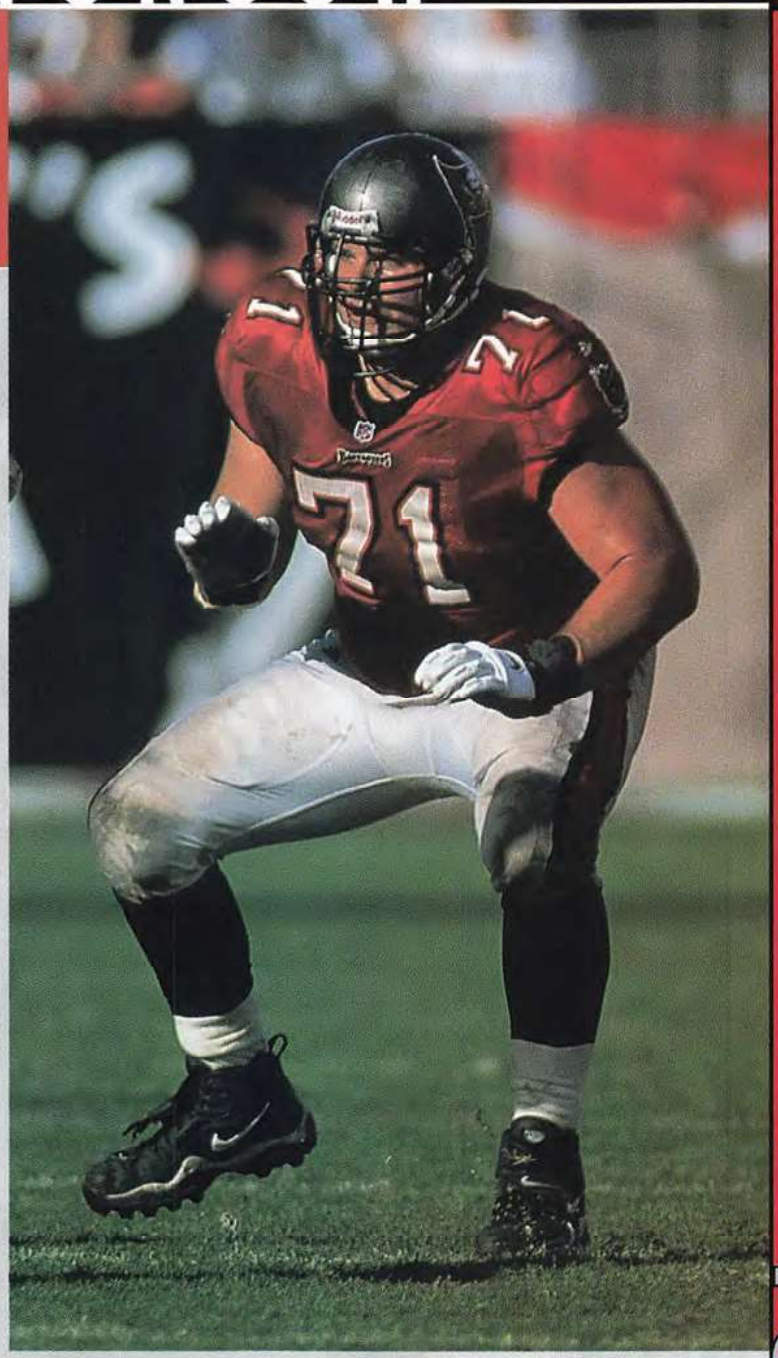
Jerry took a group of pediatric cancer patients to Wisconsin last February for the third consecutive winter. The kids paid a trip to Lambeau Field this time around.



HT: 6-6 WT: 339
NFL: 4th Year College: Wisconsin

Entering his fourth season with the Buccaneers and first as incumbent RT...Pressed into duty in Week 4 and emerged into a physical run-blocking tackle...Started the final 14 games of the 1999 season, including both playoff games...Instrumental member of an offensive unit that helped the Buccaneers' rushing attack accumulate 1,776 yards in 1999...Stands as the highest-drafted offensive lineman by the Bucs since Charles McRae was chosen in the first round (seventh overall) of the 1991 NFL Draft.

1999: Played in all 16 regular season games, starting the final 13...Made second career start at Minnesota (10/3) in place of T Jason Odom (back) and provided outstanding protection for QB Trent Dilfer, allowing the signal-caller to post his first 300-yard passing performance in 38 games...Helped open up running lanes for team season-high 173 rushing yards at Green Bay (10/10)...Provided solid pass-protection for rookie QB Shaun King to post career-highs in completions (23) attempts (37) and yards (297) in crucial division win over Lions (12/12).

College/Personal: Earned first-team All-Big Ten honors as a senior at Wisconsin...Runs nationally-acclaimed program for children with cancer called "Circle of Friends"...Takes a group of pediatric patients on a four-day ski trip to his native state each winter...Married to Melissa...Born 1/21/74 in Eau Claire, Wisconsin.

Tackle

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FRANK MIDDLETON

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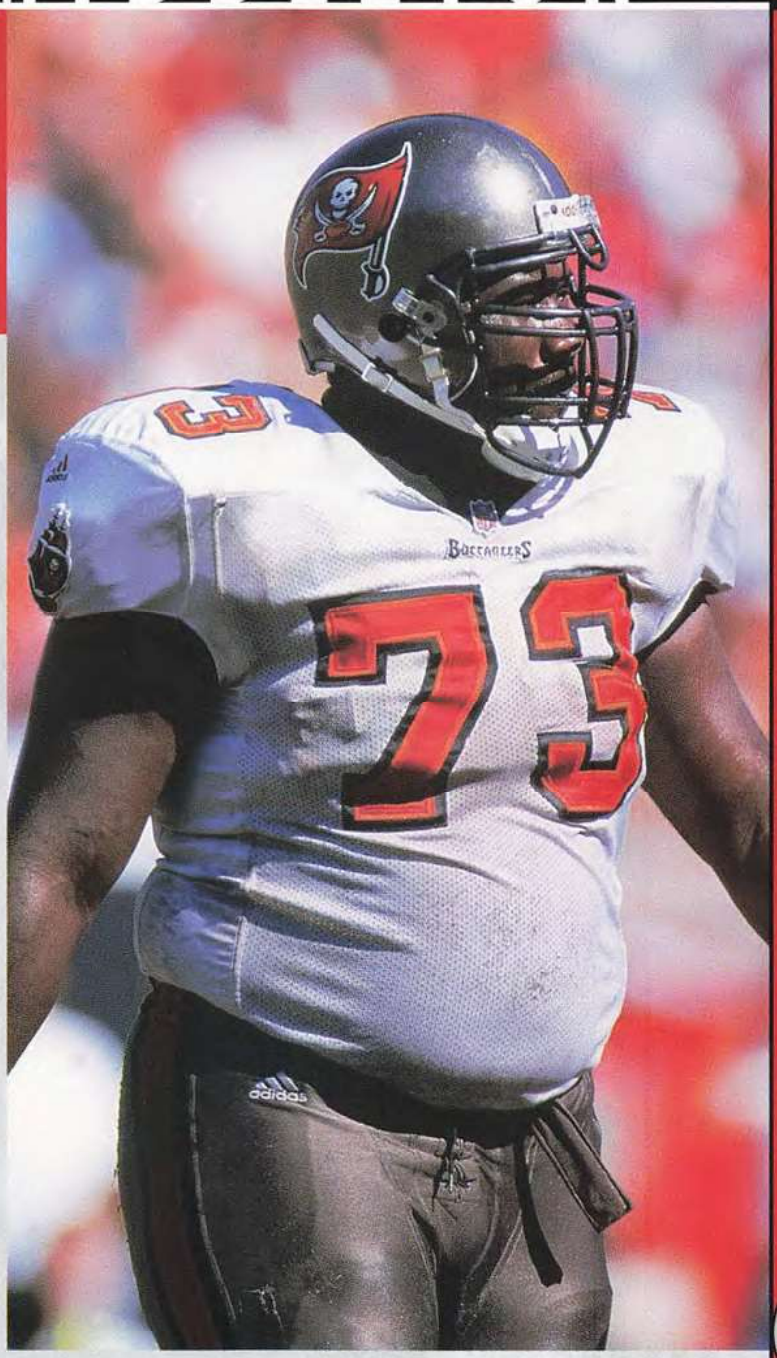
Counting playoffs, Frank has started 37 consecutive games at right guard.



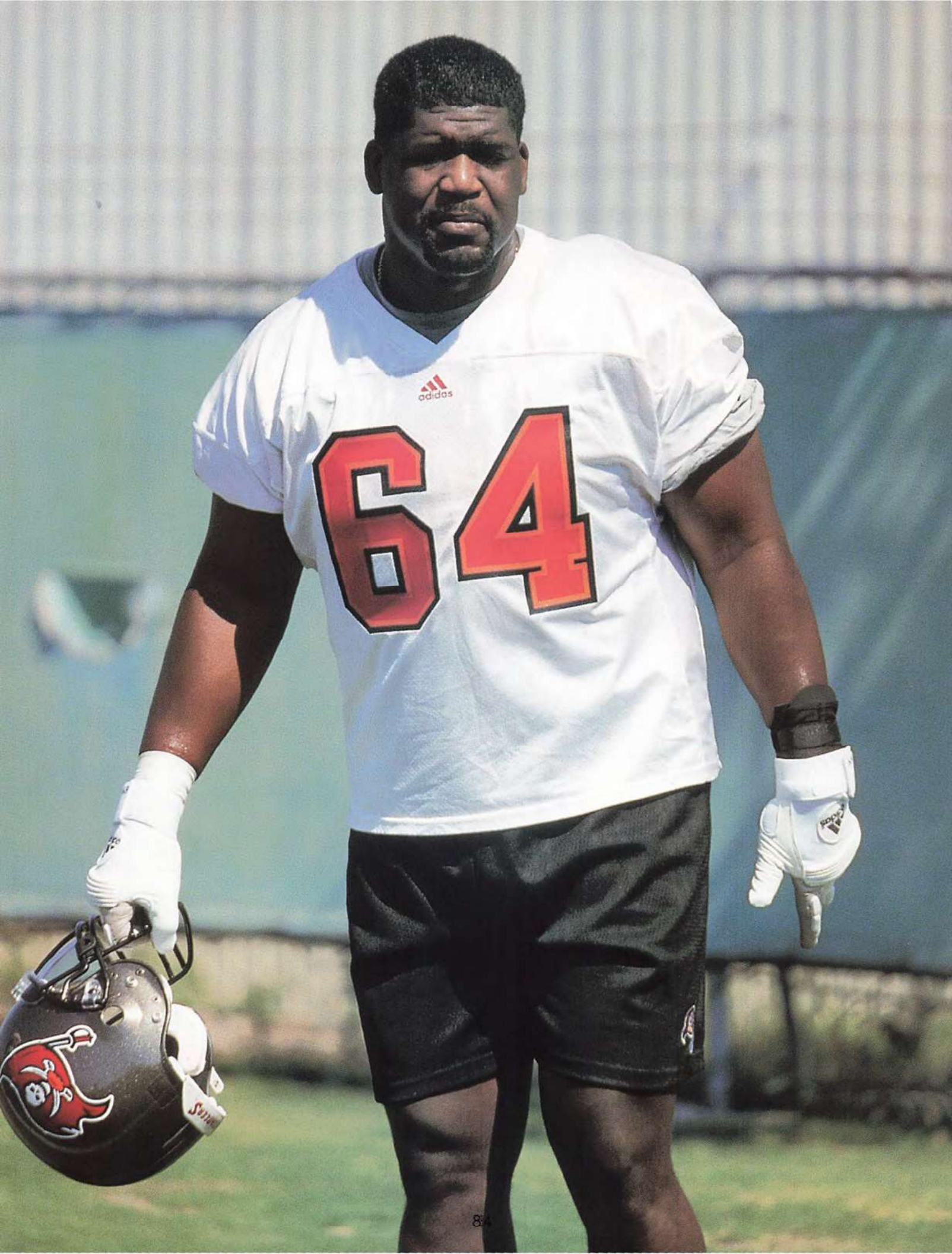
HT: 6-3 WT: 334
NFL: 3rd Year College: Arizona

Fiery, tenacious competitor who has solidified Tampa Bay's RG slot... Engaging personality who is fast developing into one of the league's top young run-blockers...Has played 47 games over first three seasons, starting the last 32.

1999: Started all 16 games at RG, plus both playoff contests...Missed fewest plays of any offensive lineman...Suffered a left knee sprain in the first quarter of 13-10 win over Denver (9/26), but returned in the third quarter to help FB Mike Alstott rush for a career-best 131 yards...Paved way for Buccaneer backs to rush for a season-best 173-yards at Green Bay (10/10)... Provided key block on Alstott's 25-yard TD run that sealed 31-16 win at New Orleans (11/7)...Helped offense chew up 9:38 of the fourth quarter in 16-3 win at Seattle (11/28)...Gave rookie QB Shaun King ample time to post career-highs in completions (23) attempts (37) and yards (297) in 23-16 win over Detroit (12/12)...Sprung Alstott for five-yard TD run in fourth quarter of 29-10 win over Packers (12/26).

College/Personal: Started 18 games in two seasons at Arizona after transferring from Fort Scott (KS) Junior College, where he was a two-way lineman...Married to Kristina...Born 10/25/74 in Beaumont, Texas.

Guard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RANDALL McDANIEL

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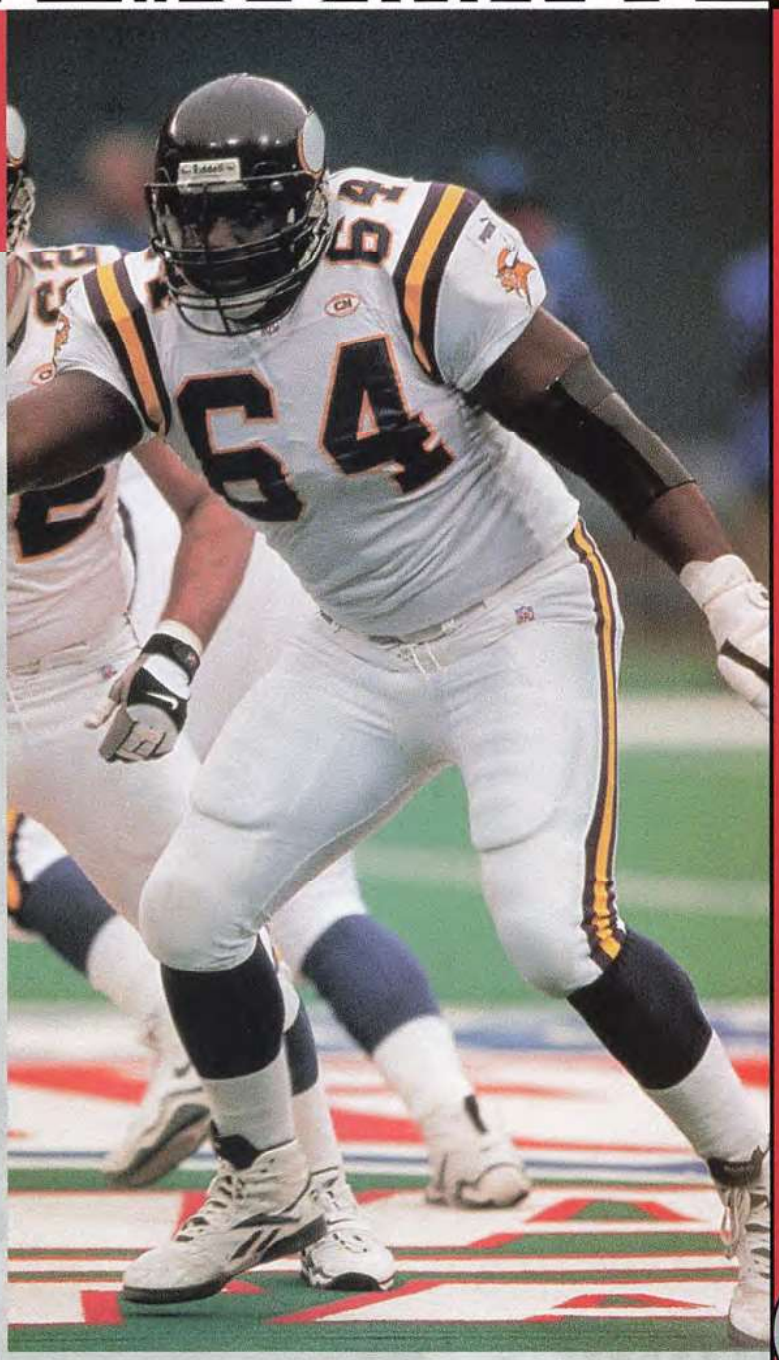
Randall has started the past 170 consecutive regular-season games, which ranks second to Tennessee's Bruce Matthews (197) among active players.



HT: 6-3 WT: 279
NFL: 13th Year College: Arizona State

One of the league's most decorated offensive linemen...Future Hall of Famer who boasts an uncommon and lethal combination of speed, quickness and strength...Adds immediate talent and leadership to Tampa Bay's offensive front...Signed a three-year contract as an unrestricted free agent on March 1, 2000...Spent the past 12 seasons with the Minnesota Vikings...Selected as a starter to the last 11 Pro Bowls, setting an NFL record for most consecutive Pro Bowl starts (LB Mike Singletary, LB Lawrence Taylor – 10)...Also owns Vikings record for most Pro Bowl appearances, breaking DE Alan Page's mark of nine trips...Eight-time Associated Press first-team All-Pro selection (1990-96, 1998)...Can boast 188 career starts, fourth in Minnesota annals and fourth among active NFL offensive linemen

1999: Started all 16 games at LG, plus both playoff contests...Extended his own NFL record by starting his 11th consecutive Pro Bowl...Upped his consecutive starts streak to 170, moving to fourth on Minnesota's all-time list...Hit 188 career games played, also fourth in Viking annals...Helped RB Robert Smith hit 1,000-yard rushing mark for third consecutive season...Keyed offense that produced a 100-yard rusher and receiver for only the second time in club playoff history in 27-10 wild card win over Dallas (1/9)...Started 13th consecutive playoff game in divisional playoff loss at St. Louis (1/16).

College/Personal: Four-year starter at Arizona State...First-team All-America selection in 1987 as the Sun Devils made their first trip to the Rose Bowl, beating Ohio State...Married to Marianne...Received 1997 Unsung Hero Award from the NFLPA...Spends much of his free time working with homeless children from the YWCA Transitional Housing Program in St. Paul, Minnesota...Born 12/19/64 in Phoenix, Arizona.

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ERIC ZEIER

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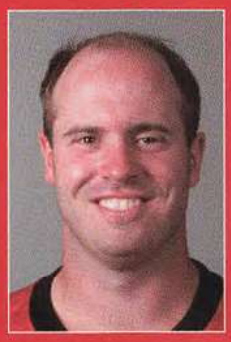
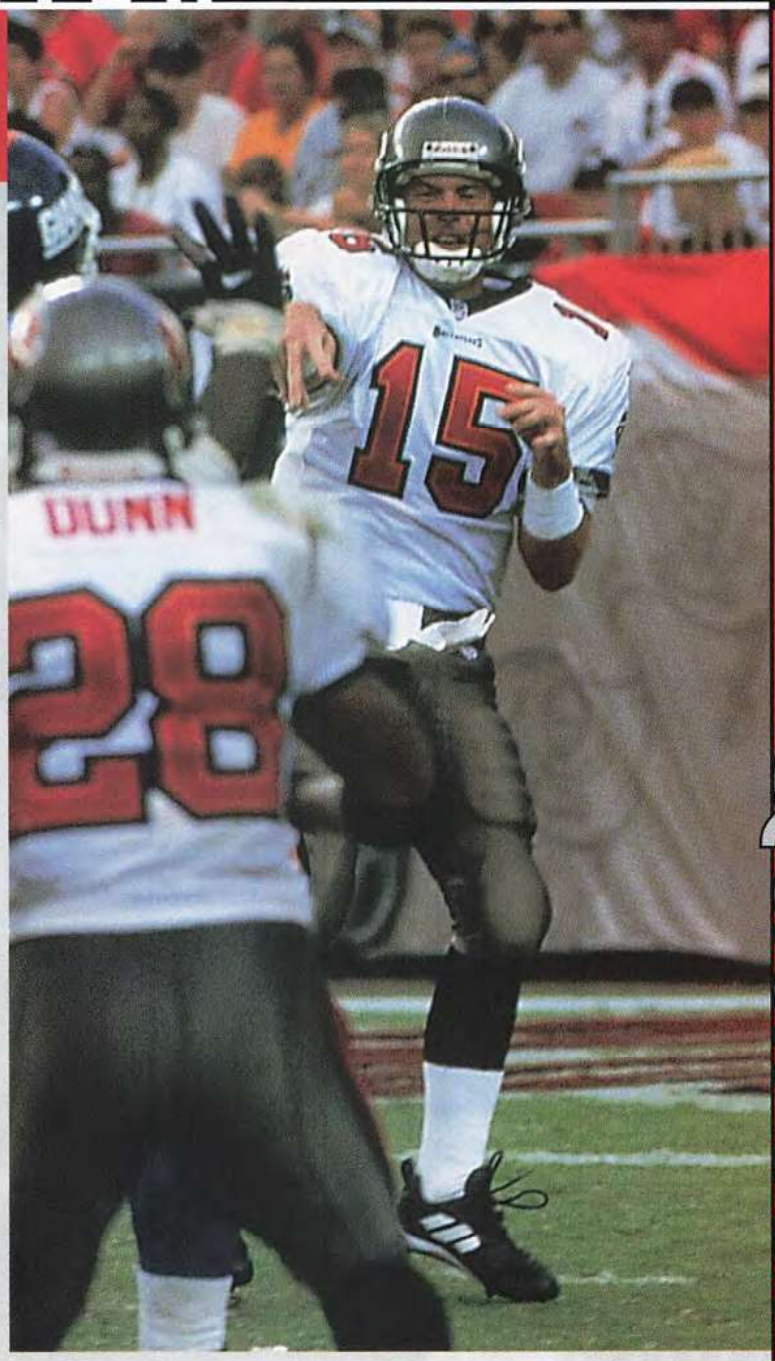
In 12 career starts, Eric has thrown for more than 300 yards on three occasions.





HT: 6-1 WT:
NFL: 6th Year College: Georgia

Extremely intelligent and experienced signal-caller who boasts a career passer rating of 74.2...Re-signed with Tampa Bay on March 2, inking a three-year deal...Has completed 55.8 percent of his career tosses... Awarded the starting job in Week 7 at Detroit (10/31), but suffered a rib injury that caused him to miss the next four weeks...Acquired by the Buccaneers during the first day of the 1999 NFL Draft (4/17) from Baltimore in exchange for a sixth-round pick.

1999: Appeared in two games, starting one...Saw first action as a Buccaneer in Week 1 against the N.Y. Giants (9/12), replacing QB Trent Dilfer in the fourth quarter...Completed 3 of 11 for 14 yards and one INT...Earned starting nod at Lions (10/31), completing 29 of 44 for 256 yards in 20-3 loss...The 29 completions set a career-high, breaking his old record of 28, set three times...Suffered a rib contusion that sidelined him for the next four weeks...Returned as Shaun King's backup in Week 13 win over Detroit (12/12) and continued in that role through the regular season and two playoff contests.

College/Personal: Holds 67 school records at Georgia, as well as 18 SEC marks...Threw for 67 scores and compiled a passer rating of 90.0...Career INT percentage of 2.64 is second-lowest in NCAA history...Married to Carrie...Born 9/6/72 in Pensacola, Florida.

Quarterback

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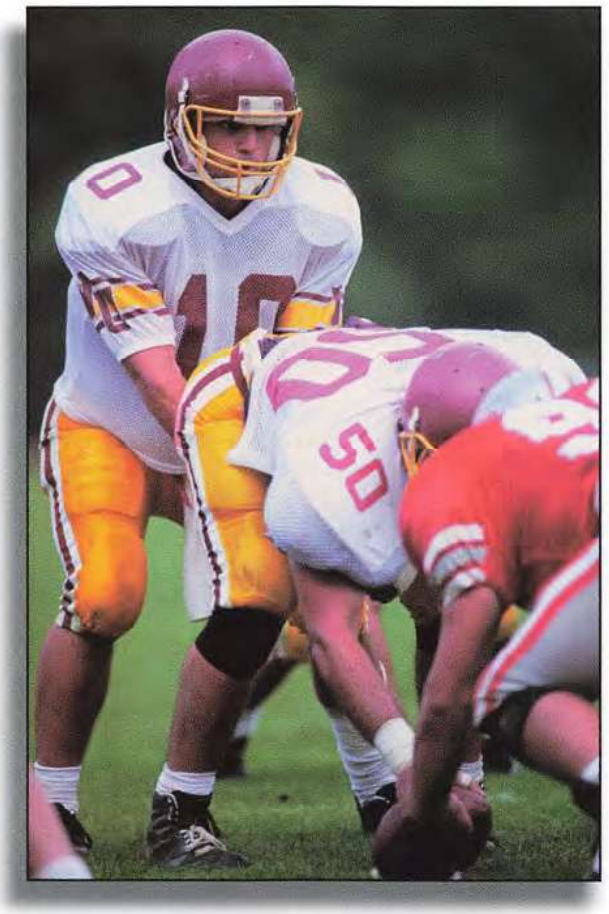

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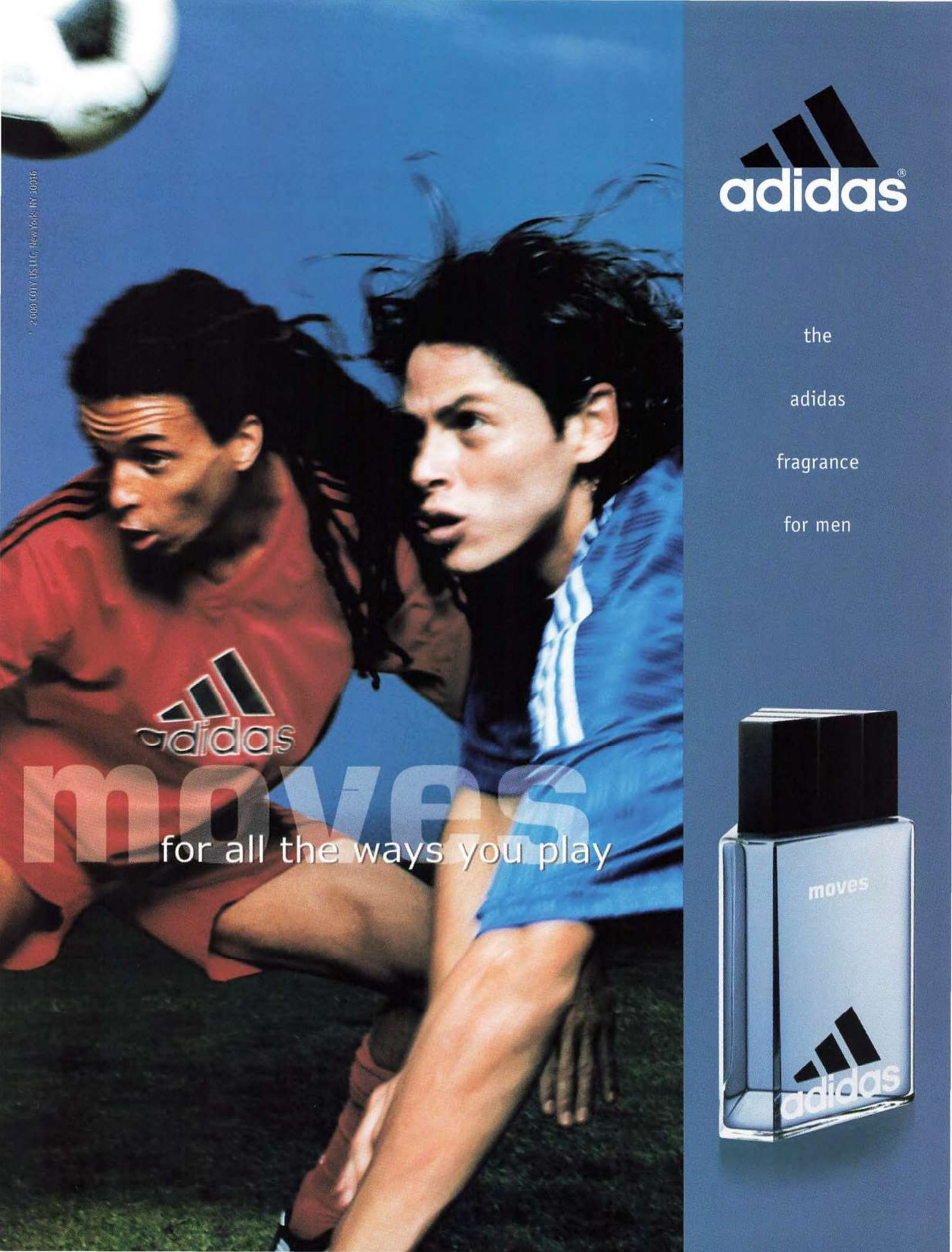

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RABIH ABDULLAH

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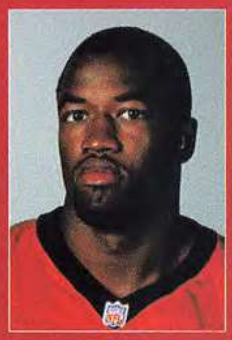
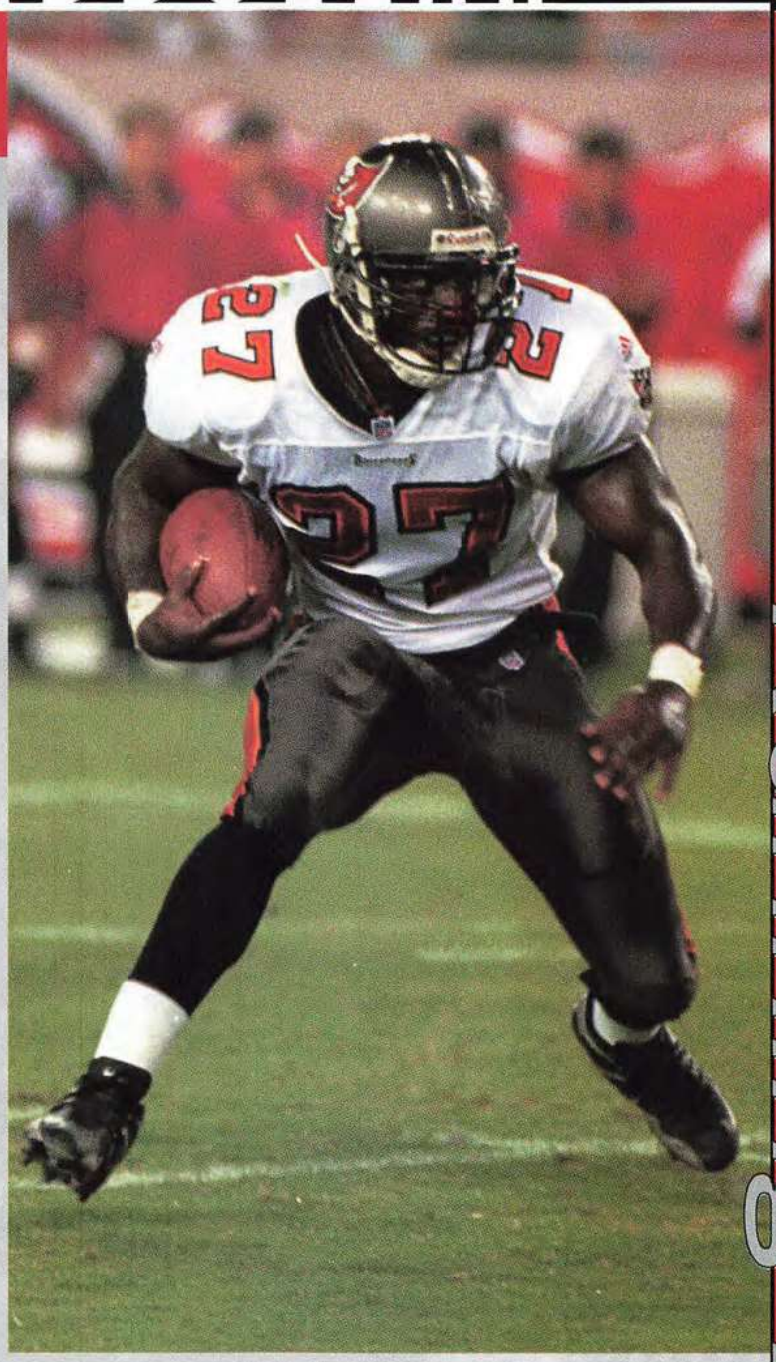
Rabih is the first ever Buccaneer to hail from Lehigh.





HT: 6-1 WT: 227
NFL: 3rd Year College: Lehigh

Durable runner who saw increased playing time in his second NFL season...Also excels on special teams... Earned his first NFL start in Monday Night showdown with Minnesota (12/6), replacing an injured Warrick Dunn...Led the team in rushing during the preseason for second consecutive year...Lone rookie free agent to make Tampa Bay's roster in 1998.

1999: Played in 15 games, starting one at RB...Rushed five times for a career-best 12 yards...Also posted a career-high 12 special teams tackles...Snagged first career catch for eight yards at Detroit (10/31)... Started in place of Warrick Dunn (ankle) at RB in 24-17 win over Minnesota (12/6)...Rushed four times for 12 yards at Oakland (12/19)... Collected a career-high three special teams stops against Green Bay (12/26), but left the game with a broken right thumb...Placed on injured reserve three days later.

College/Personal: Scored 33 TDs in 33 career games at Lehigh...Rushed for 1,255 yards and 15 TDs as a senior...Father saw action in Giants and Packers camps...Born 4/27/75 in Martinsville, Virginia.

Running Back

PATRICK HAPE

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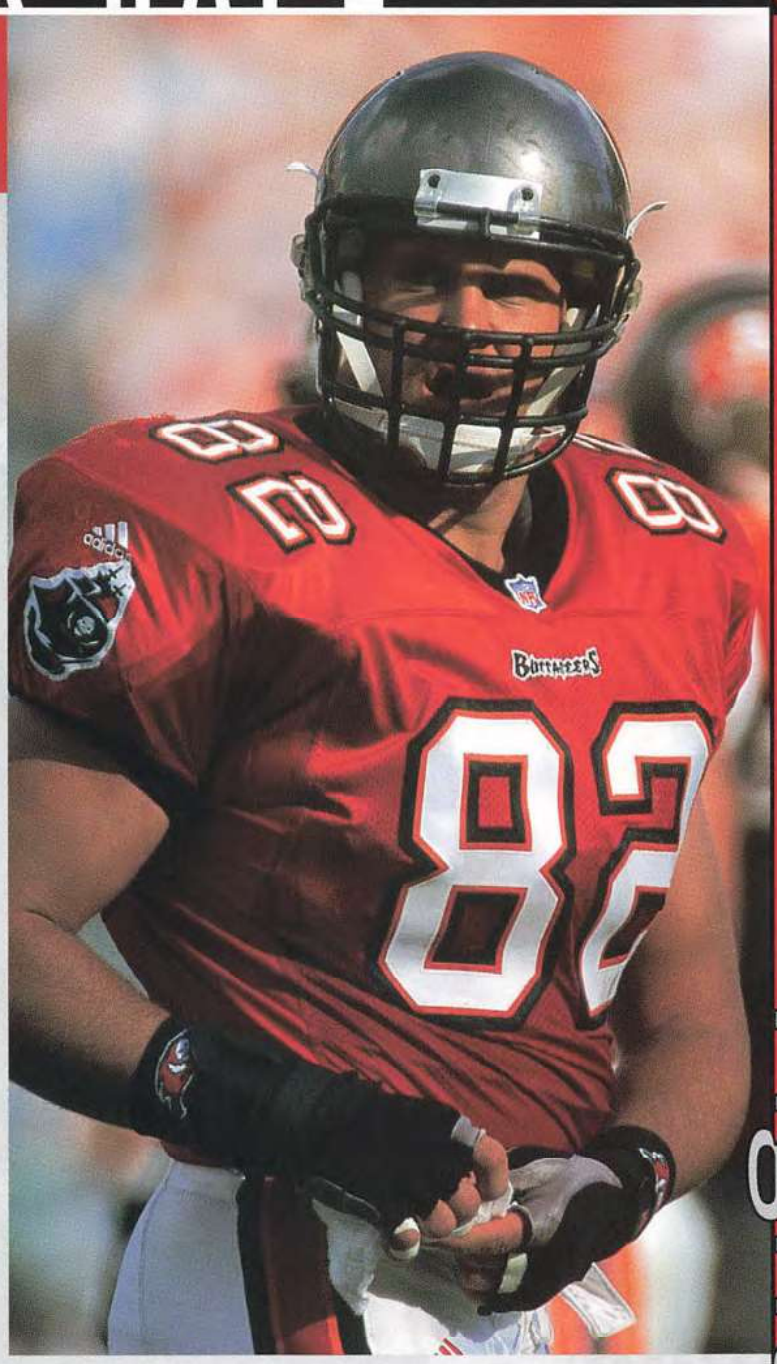
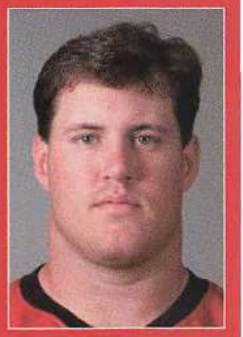
Patrick hauled in Shaun King's first TD pass, a two-yard toss in Tampa Bay's 16-3 win at Seattle.





HT: 6-4 WT: 262
NFL: 4th Year College: Alabama

Solid blocking TE who also lines up at FB in Tampa Bay's jumbo backfield...Second on the depth chart at TE...Can also boast 13 career catches for 61 yards and two scores...Has played in 45 career regular-season games and four playoff contests.

1999: Played in 15 games, starting against Denver (9/26), when the Bucs opened in a two-TE set...Tied a career-high with two catches for six yards at Detroit (10/31)...Hauled in two-yard TD pass from QB Shaun King in 16-3 win at Seattle (11/28)...Played in both playoff contests...Made key block to spring FB Mike Alstott on 4th and 1 run, leading to eventual game-winning TD against Washington (1/15).

College/Personal: Played in 47 games, starting 26, at Alabama...Caught 24 passes for 321 yards and one TD...Born 6/6/74 in Killen, Alabama.

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PETE PIERSON

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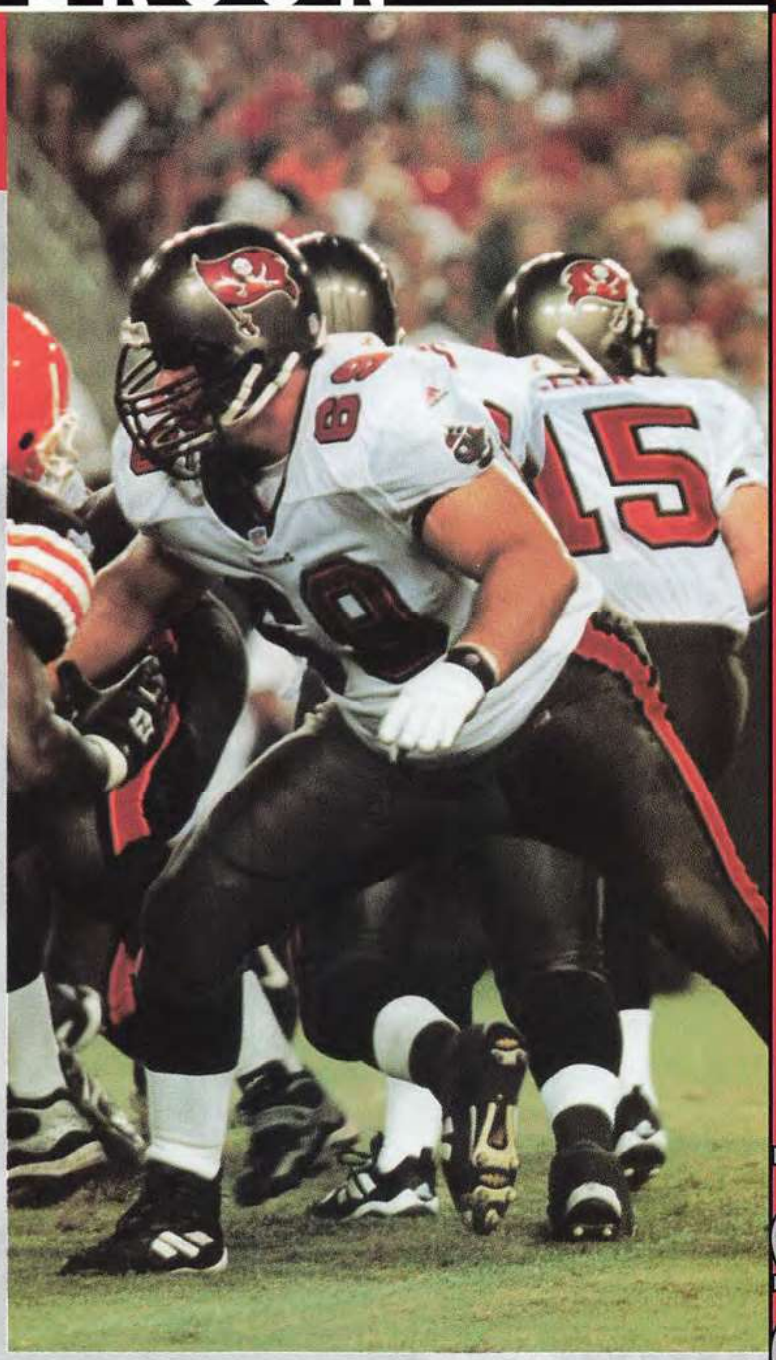
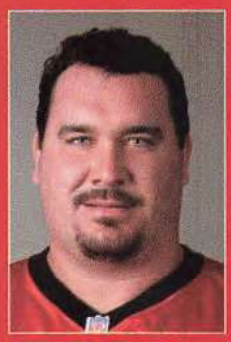
Pete started at LT in both of Tampa Bay's playoff games last season.





HT: 6-5 WT: 315
NFL: 6th Year College: Washington

Strong, consistent performer who has provided stability and veteran leadership to the Bucs' offensive line...Started both 1999 playoff games at LT in place of the injured Paul Gruber, marking first starting assignment since 1996...Primarily served as the Bucs' backup tackle, in addition to being a significant contributor on the club's special teams units.

1999: Played in 15 games, seeing most extensive action since 1996 after starting at LT in place of the injured Paul Gruber (knee) for Tampa Bay's two postseason contests... Spent majority of the season participating on the PAT, FG and punt units...Stepped in for Gruber at LT in the third quarter of division-clinching win at Chicago (1/2)...Recorded first start since in more than three years (9/26/96 vs. Detroit) in divisional playoff win over Washington (1/15)... Also started the following week in the NFC Championship Game at St. Louis (1/23).

College/Personal: Played in three Rose Bowls in four seasons at Washington...Earned second-team All-Pac-10 honors as a senior...Born 2/4/71 in Portland, Oregon.

Tackle

KEVIN DOGINS

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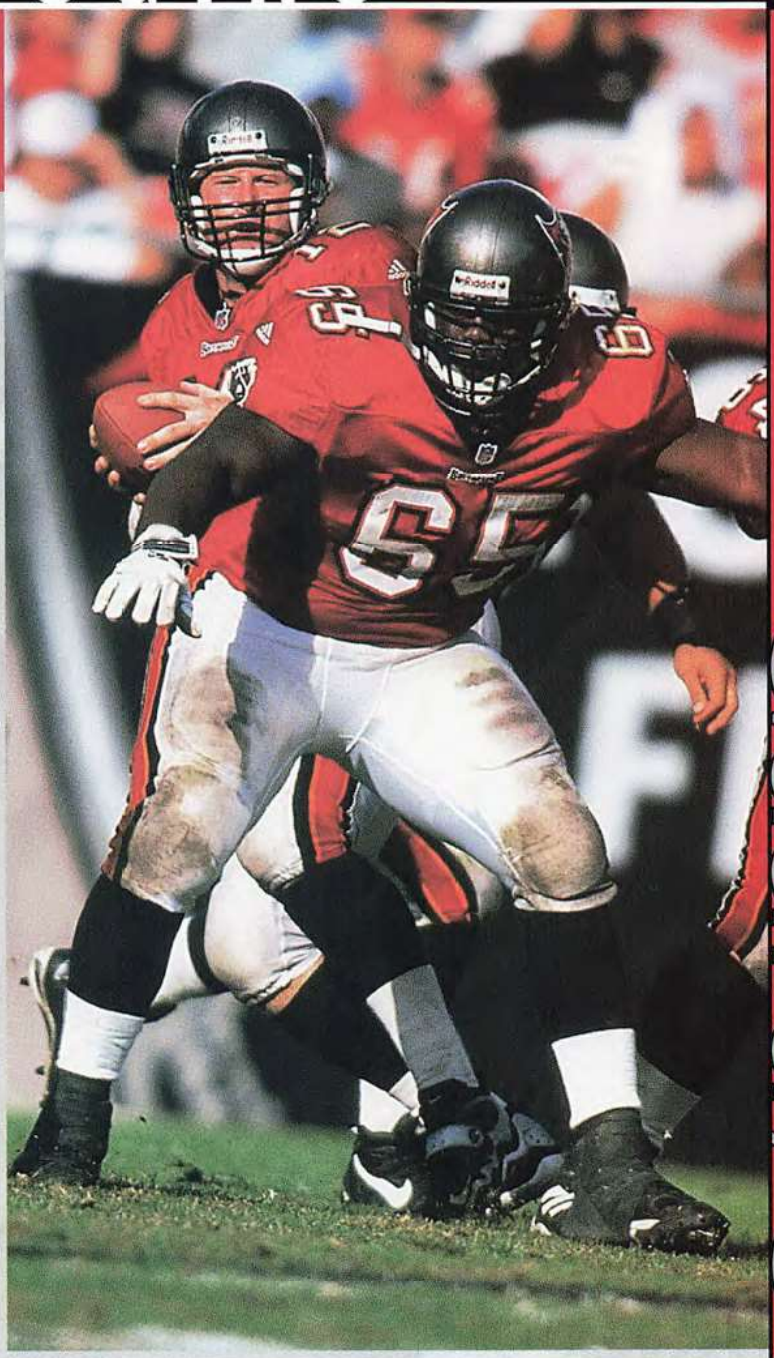
Kevin started five games at LG last season during the Bucs' division-clinching stretch run.



HT: 6-1 WT: 301
NFL: 4th Year
College: Texas A&M-Kingsville

Tough, versatile lineman who is coming off his most productive professional campaign...Re-signed as restricted free agent May 26... Started three games at LG last season during Bucs' drive towards division crown...Rose from the small-college ranks to earn a spot on Tampa Bay's practice squad in 1996...Originally signed as an undrafted free agent out of Texas A&M-Kingsville.

1999: Played in 10 games, starting the final five regular-season contests at LG...Promoted to starting LG slot in Monday Night win over Minnesota (12/6)...Retained the starting nod through the regular season, culminating with Tampa Bay's 20-6 division-clinching win at Chicago (1/2)...Did not play in divisional playoff win over Washington (1/15), but saw action in NFC Championship Game at St. Louis (1/23).

College/Personal: Three-time first-team all-conference selection at Kingsville...Earned All-America honors as a junior...Married to Erica...Born 12/7/72 in Eagle Lake, Texas.

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MARTIN GRAMATICA

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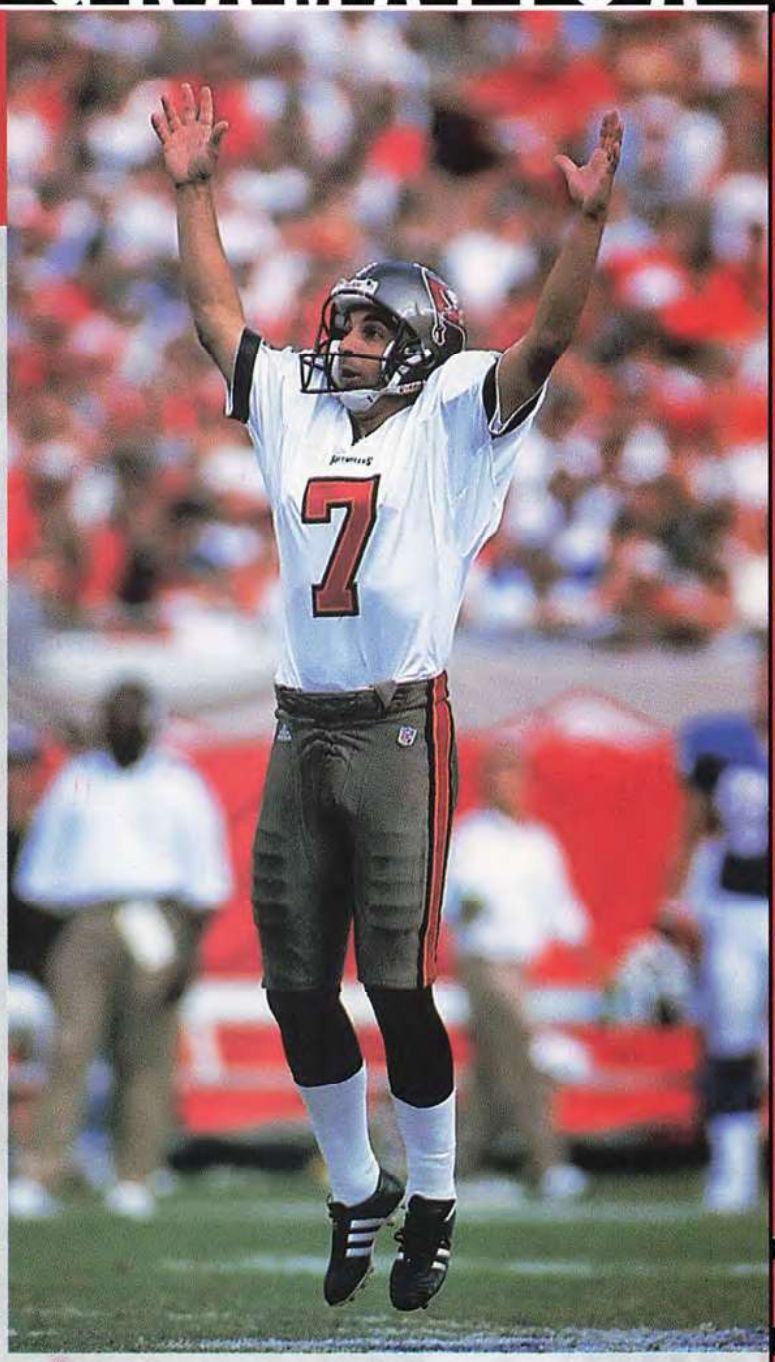
Martin's game-winning, 53-yard FG against Atlanta was the longest game-winning effort in the NFL since 1997.



HT: 5-8 WT: 170
NFL: 2nd Year College: Kansas State

Record-setting K who proved his third-round worth with an outstanding rookie campaign...Set club records with 27 FGs and 106 points last season...Also hit all 25 of his PAT attempts...His 27 FGs broke Michael Husted's 1996 mark of 25 FGs, while his point total exceeded Donald Igwebuike's previous team mark of 99 points (1989)...Connected on 27 of 32 FG attempts (84.4 percent), trailing only Steve Christie's 85.2-percent clip (1990) in team annals...Scoring total led all rookies and placed fourth in the NFC.

1999: Set team record with 106 points, hitting 27 of 32 FG attempts and all 25 PAT attempts...Point total was tops among NFL rookies and fourth in the NFC...Made 3 of 4 attempts from 50 or more yards and 6 of 8 attempts from 40 or more yards...Hit two FGs (23, 36) in NFL debut against Giants (9/12)...Split the uprights on three occasions (41, 36, 36) at Green Bay (10/10)...Connected from 35 yards at New Orleans (11/7) and recovered first career fumble on a kickoff, leading to a TD...Made a career-high four FGs (24, 26, 50, 53) in 19-10 win over Atlanta (11/21)...Earned NFC Special Teams Player of the Week honors for his efforts...Nailed three FGs (42, 40, 37) in 16-3 win at Seattle (11/28)...Connected on all three FG attempts (49, 28, 33) in 29-10 win over Packers (12/26)...Nailed both FG attempts (25, 23) in NFC Championship Game at St. Louis (1/23).

College/Personal: Two-time All-America selection at Kansas State...Holds school record with 349 career points...Nailed 65-yard FG as a senior, longest in NCAA history without a tee...Born 11/27/75 in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

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One-Man Wrecking Crew

Derrick Brooks is Fast Becoming the NFL's Best Linebacker

By Zack Bolno

Many of the youngsters had never traveled out of Tampa, much less across the world. So a trip to Africa – a land with its own unique lifestyle and culture – seemed inconceivable to students from the Tampa Bay and Orlando Boys and Girls Club. But thanks to the vision and determination of a compassionate young man, this dream trip became a reality last June.

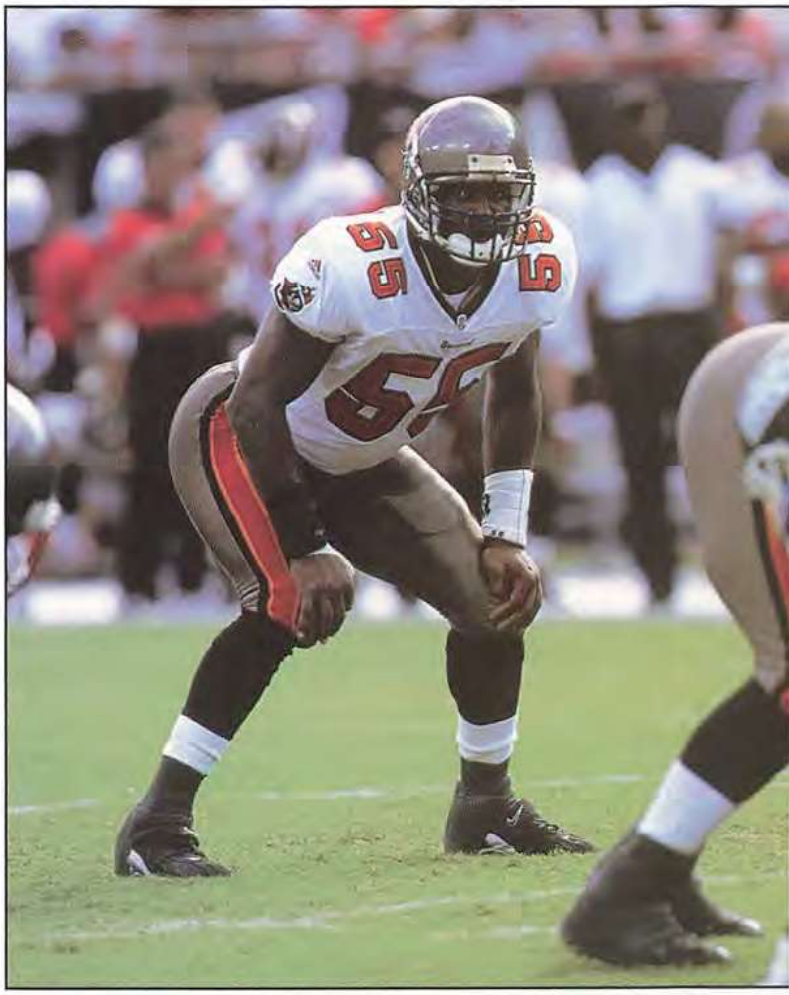
Anything is possible -- just ask 17-year-old Fulani Daniel who classifies this special individual "as more than a friend, but like a big brother that I never had."

Fulani is not alone in her convictions. She is one of many in the Bay Area community who have come into contact with her pseudo "big brother." All parties seem to share Fulani's sentiments, echoing their appreciation through spirited cheers on game day.

Those loud cheers and ovations are for Buccaneers LB Derrick Brooks, a pillar in this community who has touched many lives during his five seasons with Tampa Bay. Whether it's with the children he has met through his frequent visits to local youth centers, the coaching staff he plays for, or his teammates that he heads to battle with every Sunday during the fall, Brooks' presence has made a definitive impact on the Buccaneers and the Bay Area community.

"Derrick means so much to us," Daniel says. "For some of the kids, he's a father figure. He has done so much for this community and so much for the Buccaneers."

Most recently, Brooks took Fulani and 21 other children to Africa for three weeks this past June. Fulani, a junior honor student at Robinson High School, met Brooks two years ago during the All-Pro's visits with children at the Ybor City Boys and Girls Club. Fulani said that Brooks' visits to her local Boys and Girls Club are inspirational and something she and the other kids are always looking forward to.



Brooks racked up a team-leading 180 tackles last season.

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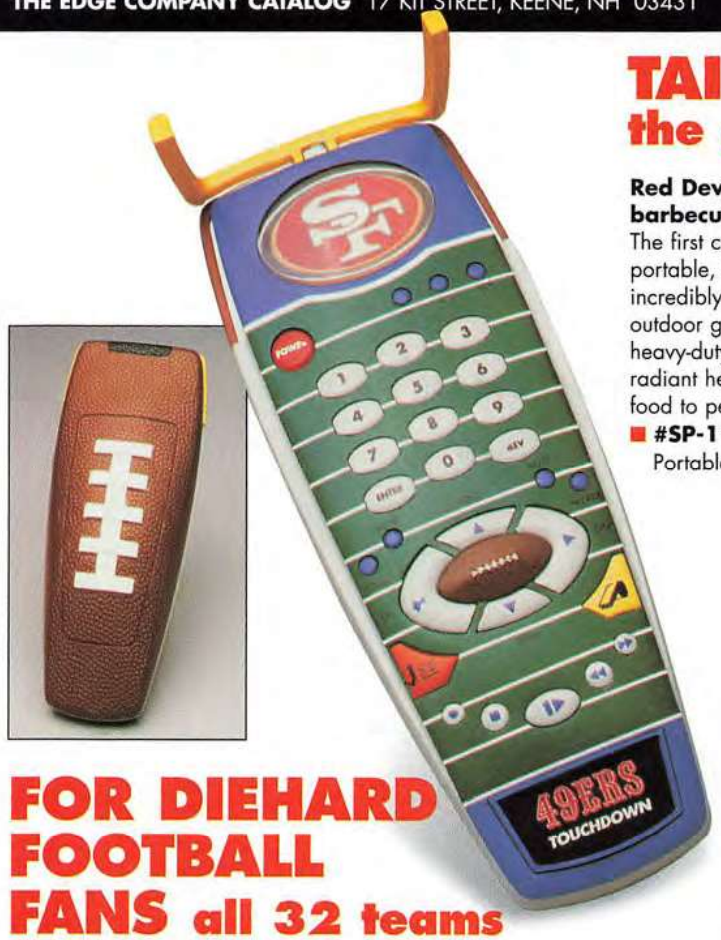

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This was something special for all of us. It's an experience that I will always remember, and one that I'll have the opportunity to share with my children and grandchildren."

For Brooks the affinity for his "kids" at the local youth center began five years ago. He would visit the center a couple of times a week, but then gradually became a regular, spending any free time he managed during a hectic NFL season at the center. He would visit after practice and on Tuesday, his lone off day during the season. Yet Brooks still wanted to do more. He then feverishly worked with the club's community relations department and came up with an idea of rewarding local Bay Area and Orlando students with educational trips. In the last four years, his youth group dubbed "Brooks' Bunch" has ventured to the art museums in Fort Lauderdale (1997), a tour of the Martin Luther King Center in Atlanta (1998) and an exclusive tour of the White House and the nation's capital last summer.

For all of his travels, Brooks' venture to Africa is one of the places he had always wanted to visit. So Brooks, along with 20 students from Tampa Bay and Orlando and 16 chaperones (including head coach Tony Dungy and his wife, Lauren) joined the Pro Bowl defender on his dream journey. The travel itinerary included a visit to Robben Island, where Nelson Mandela was imprisoned, a number of cultural villages, a visit to the capital of Africa – Pretoria and a two-day stay at a safari camp.

Brooks financed the entire trip, just like he did with his four other trips. Brooks prefers not talk about the cost of trip, though his generosity is lauded from all whom hear about his big heart. But Brooks immediately deflects the praise, shaking his head and explaining that giving back to the kids in the community is what's most important.

"It's important for me to remain accountable," Brooks says. "These kids look at me as a role model, and with this group of kids, you never know what the future holds for them. All I'm trying to be is a positive influence on them and hope they gain invaluable experiences from this program."

Brooks learned the value of sharing from his grandmother, Martha Brooks, as a youngster growing up in Pensacola. It was not uncommon for Brooks to have dinner with total strangers. If Martha saw someone who needed a helping hand, then there was a plate setting for them at dinner.

"Grandma was always my inspiration," Brooks says. "She taught me you always have enough for someone else."

That's why there are trips to Africa, visits to the Ponce DeLeon Center Boys & Girls Club in Tampa and two dozen tickets left to his youth group for every home game.

Martha Brooks passed away in 1998 at the age of 76. But prior to her passing, she beamed when talking about her grandson and proudly watched him accomplish a litany of goals.

Brooks aspired for success immediately. That tireless work ethic he possesses as a pro was evident early on during his formative years at Booker T. Washington High School. He never believed in cutting corners and worked just as diligently in the classroom as he did on the gridiron. He became an honor student and a USA Today High School Defensive Player of the Year as a senior and promptly headed to Florida State. Brooks played four seasons in Tallahassee, compiling 274 career tackles and earning numerous All-America honors. More importantly, Brooks' shining moment was graduating with a degree in business communications.

Grandma Brooks also got to share her grandson's introduction into the NFL. On a spring afternoon in April 1995, Pensacola's proud town hero sat patiently waiting for his name to be called. Hours passed and it was not until Tampa Bay traded its two second-round picks to obtain the 28th overall selection from Dallas, when Brooks learned about his next destination. Tampa Bay selected Brooks and DT Warren Sapp, concluding arguably the finest first round in the club's draft history and ending one of the longest days for the future Pro Bowler.

In retrospect, the 1995 NFL Draft produced some good players that were selected ahead of Brooks in the opening round, including DE Kevin Carter, LB Mark Fields, DT Luther Ellis, DT Ellis Johnson and DB Devin Bush. But none of those players can boast the NFL resume that Brooks has accumulated in his first five professional seasons. He is a three-time Pro Bowl selection, two-time All-Pro selection and is the first player in franchise history to produce more than 180 tackles in three consecutive seasons.

One player drafted ahead of Brooks in the 1995 draft is the aforementioned Sapp, who was tabbed with the 12th overall selection. Sapp is Brooks' roommate on the road and closest friend on the team. As the Bucs' gregarious leader, Sapp is adamant about not going to war on Sundays without his favorite soldier.

"He's the absolute best," Sapp says. "They talk about (Baltimore LB) Ray Lewis being the Michelangelo of tackling, but I'll take Brooks. He is the

DERRICK BROOKS

Brooks picked off a career-high four passes in 1999 and recovered two fumbles, including this one against Kansas City.

Van Gogh. If he ain't on the field, I ain't going."

With Tampa Bay on the brink of the club's first Super Bowl appearance last year, the 1995 season is a distant memory. But it was that draft the helped catapult the Buccaneers' fortunes, dramatically changing the perception of a once beleaguered franchise.

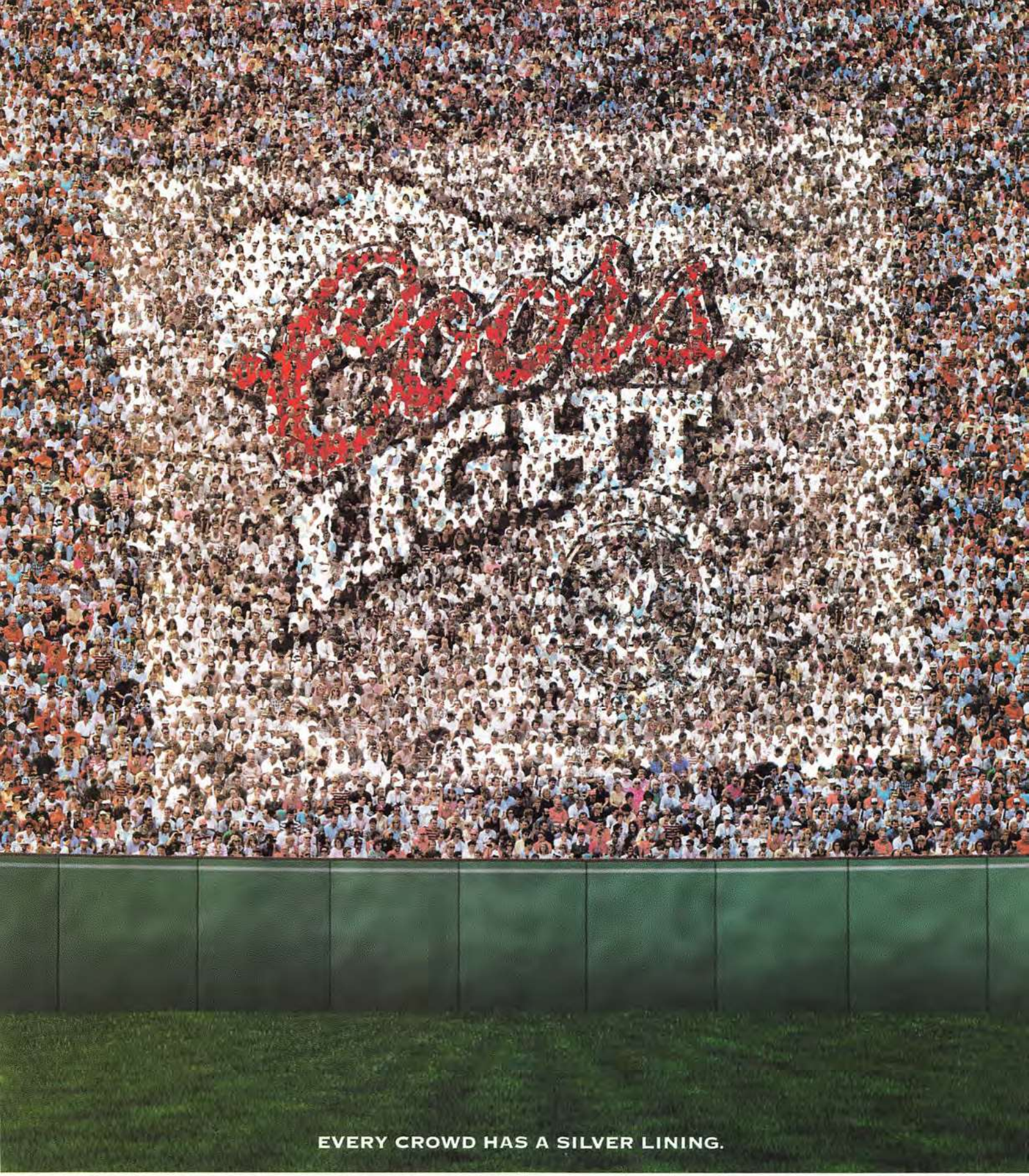
"Brooks is a player that defines our change in philosophy," Buccaneers general manager Rich McKay says. "We took a guy that was definitely undersized but was an extremely productive college football player."

Just five years later, the Buccaneers have watched Brooks evolve into a perennial All-Pro performer on and off the gridiron.

"He a tremendous leader and is a great example to our younger guys on the club," Buccaneers head coach Tony Dungy says. "Derrick is the type of individual we want playing and representing our organization.

"Being an All-Pro means you have different responsibilities, including being a team leader, and Derrick does an outstanding job in that role."

That certainly bodes well for the Buccaneers' defense since Brooks now becomes the senior member of the linebacking unit after veteran Hardy Nickerson signed with Jacksonville as a free agent. The young but talented duo joining Brooks is comprised of SLB Shelton Quarles (16 career starts) and first-year start-



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"We expect a lot from ourselves and our final destination is to play in our stadium, in front of our hometown fans, for the Super Bowl championship."

ing MLB Jamie Duncan (six career starts). Even with the new personnel, Brooks is still confident the NFC's top-ranked defense will not miss a beat in its quest for the championship.

"I'm looking forward to playing with Shelton and Jamie," he says. "They fit our scheme and are extremely talented football players. In essence, though, we have been playing together for so long (10 returning starters) that this situation is going to take care of itself. Hardy left his mark and there are certain things we're going to miss, but we'll have to play through it and I think that collectively everything will work out. My role won't change, because I'm just going to do the same thing I've always done, and that is to lead by example."

What better team leader and role model for the Buccaneers than Brooks? During the team's mandatory weekly interview sessions, Brooks sits patiently by his locker room answering questions from the local and national media. His answers are thoughtful, honest and direct. And buried beneath all those glowing statistics remains a 27-year-old who is very humble and unassuming. Revered as one of the league's finest defensive players, Brooks does not campaign for rewards and attention, even though he led Tampa Bay with 180 tackles and totaled career-highs in interceptions (4), passes defensed (18), forced fumbles (2) and sacks (2). He finished as the club's leading tackler in 12 of 16 regular-season contests and was the backbone of a Buccaneers' defense attack that established five single-season records last season.

After yet another productive campaign, it's hard to believe that Brooks finished just fifth in the Associated Press NFL Defensive Player of the Year balloting last season. But Brooks can take solace that his best friend Sapp won the award and that he was selected as the Buccaneers' Most Valuable Player from the local beat writers covering the team for the second consecutive season. An additional honor bestowed on Brooks occurred during the past offseason, when the St. Petersburg Times voted Brooks the Bay Area's top athlete. Some of the professional icons who reside locally and followed Brooks in the poll were Sapp, RB Warrick Dunn, FB Mike Alstott, top-ranked women's tennis player Martina Hingis, Olympic freestyle champion Brooke Bennett and the power hitting Devil Rays' duo of Jose Canseco and Greg Vaughn.

"I don't really get caught up in the attention and the awards," Brooks says. "My number one priority is helping this team achieve its goals. That is what I'm focused on."

Entering the 2000 season, Brooks understands the expectations surrounding the Buccaneers. Tampa Bay was a whisker away from winning the NFC title last season and with the addition of one of the NFL's top WRs in Keyshawn Johnson to go along with Pro Bowl G Randall McDaniel and C Jeff Christy, the Buccaneers are looking to become the first team to win the Super Bowl in their own stadium. Super Bowl XXXV will be played at Raymond James Stadium on Sunday, January 28, 2001.

"Not only do we have to go where we did last year, after winning the NFC Central title and advancing to the NFC Championship, but we have to go beyond that," Brooks says. "I think the organization made some big moves during the offseason to address some issues and help us get better. Now we've got to take what's on paper and put it all together and strive for the championship.

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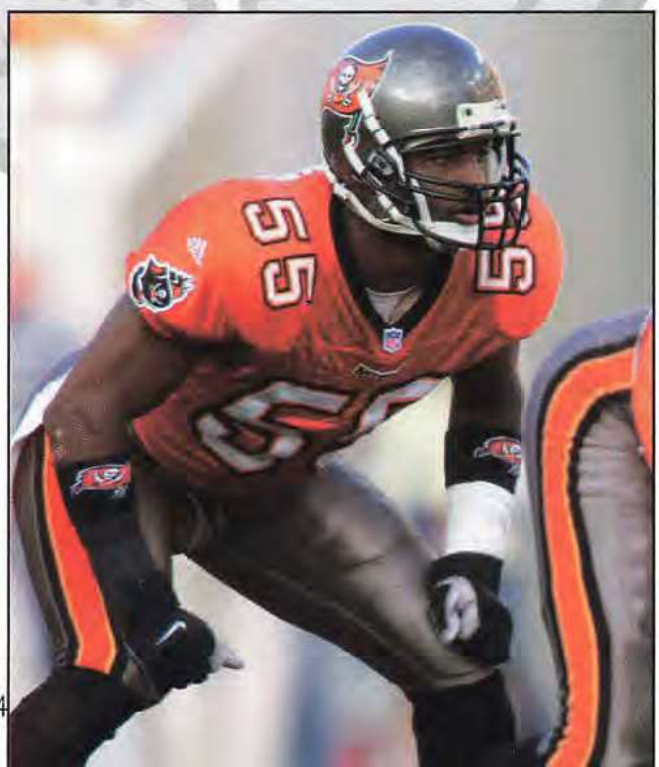
Brooks has registered 180 or more tackles the last three seasons—the first such stretch in club annals.



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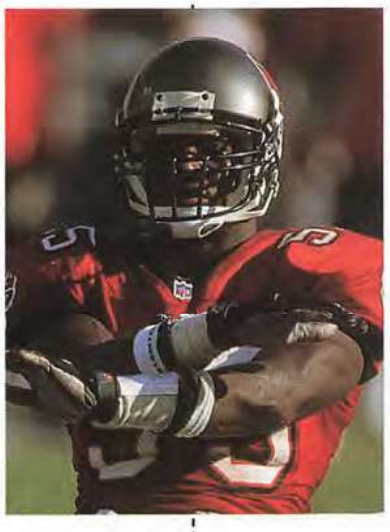
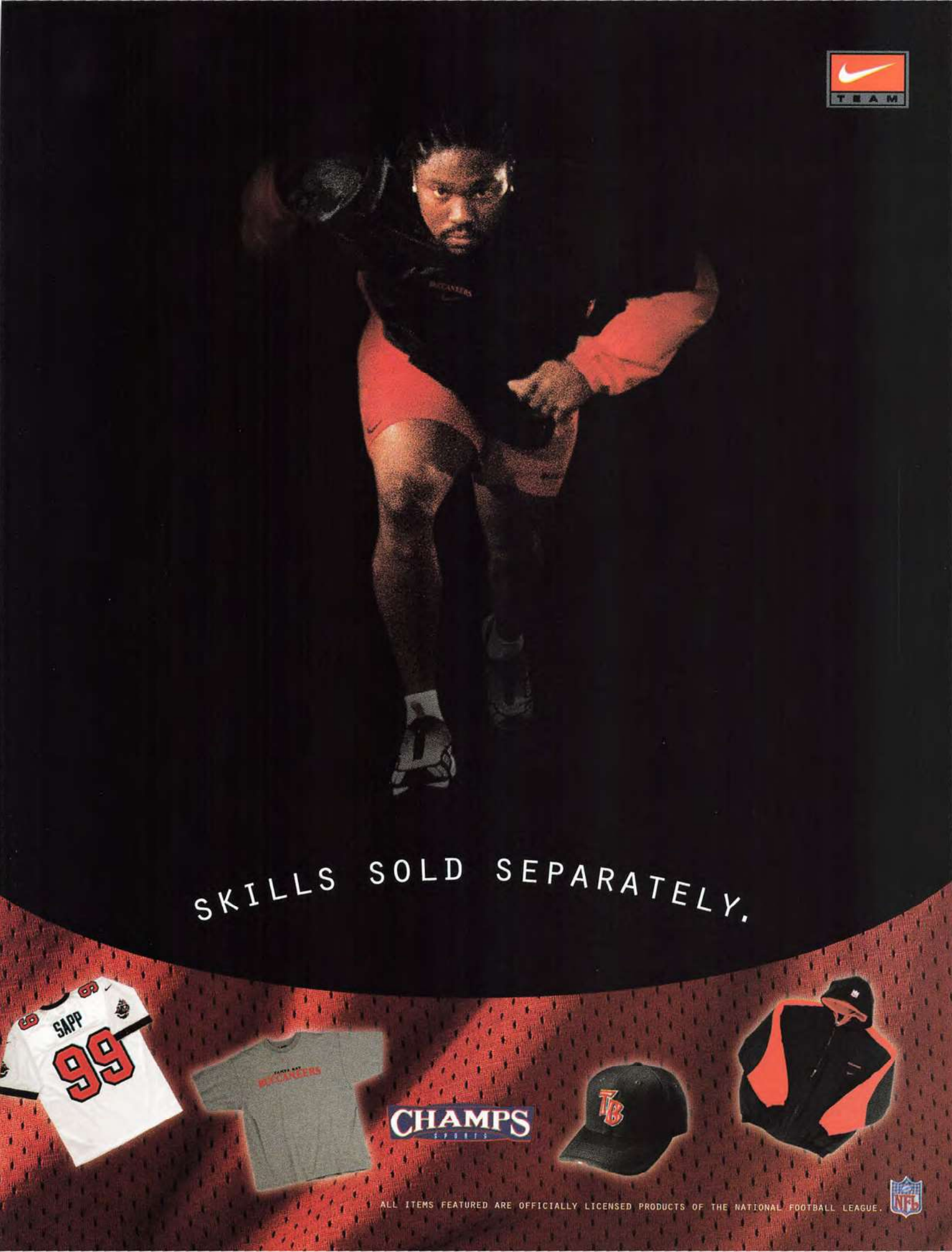
Tampa Bay's defense was at its menacing best last season, and it shouldn't miss a beat in 2000.

In 1999, the Bucs ranked third in the NFL in total defense and set single-season records for fewest points allowed (235), fewest opponent first downs (228), fewest opponent rushing yards (1,407), fewest opponent rushes (361) and lowest opponent completion percentage (52.7 percent). In the playoffs, Tampa Bay held Washington's second-ranked offense to 157 total yards and the Rams' top-ranked arsenal to just 11 points, 22 below its average.

Tampa Bay can boast three first-team All-Pro selections on defense — LB Derrick Brooks, S John Lynch and DT Warren Sapp. Brooks paced the team with 180 tackles last season, while Lynch racked up 128 stops. Sapp collected a career-best 12.5 sacks en route to AP Defensive Player of the Year honors.

The lone change on defense is at MLB, where third-year pro Jamie Duncan takes over for departed veteran Hardy Nickerson. Duncan started six games for Nickerson at the conclusion of the 1998 season, collecting 46 tackles.

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BRAD CULPEPPER

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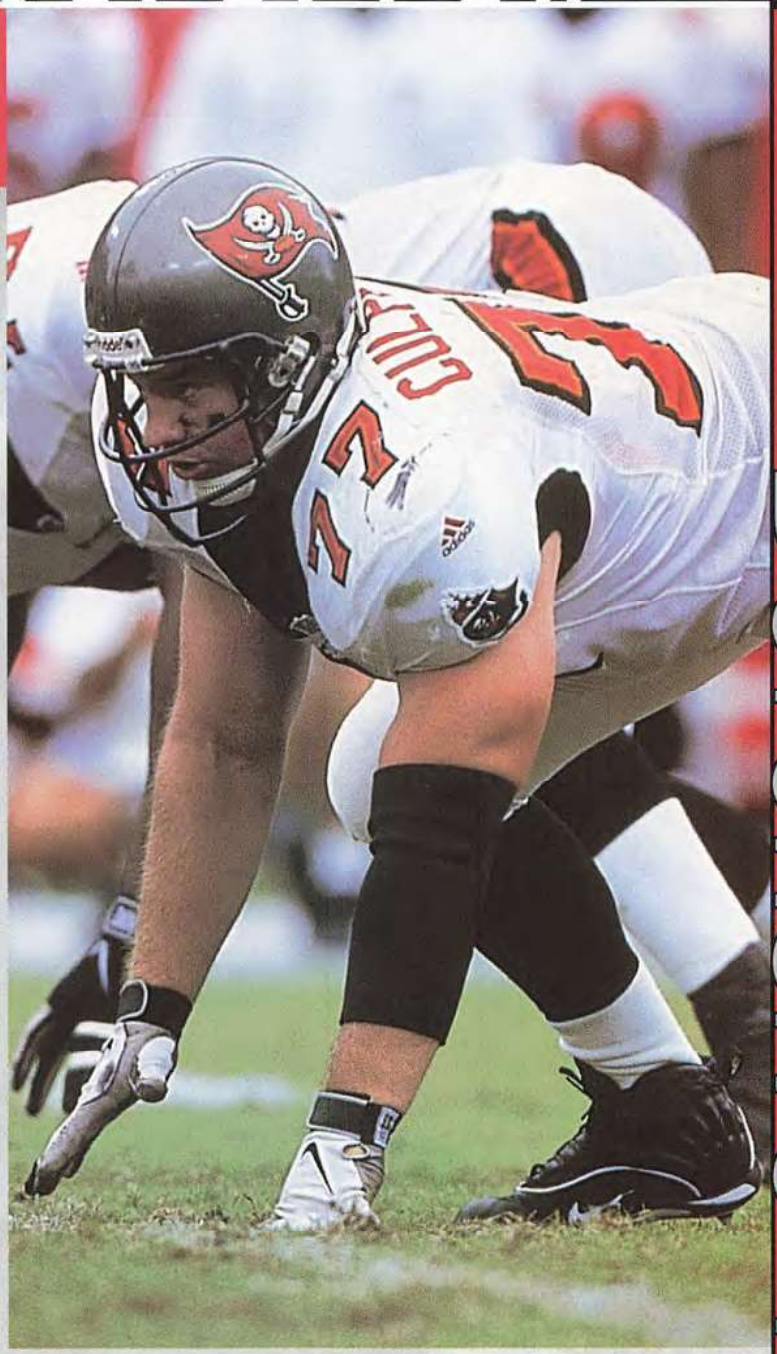
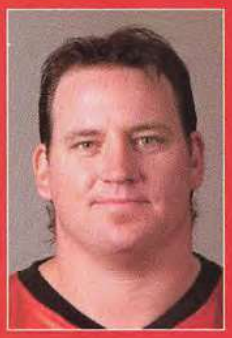
Brad already ranks fourth on Tampa Bay's all-time sack list with 33 takedowns.





HT: 6-1 WT: 270
NFL: 9th Year College: Florida

Veteran mauler who ranks as one of the league's most underrated interior linemen...Coming off another solid campaign, pacing the defensive line with 72 tackles...Added six sacks in 1999, vaulting to fourth on the Bucs' all-time list with 33 career sacks... Has posted 23.5 sacks over the past three seasons...Tampa Bay's most experienced defensive lineman, boasting 119 games played and 82 starts...Has started 61 consecutive regular-season contests...Owns 378 career tackles, eight forced fumbles and three fumble recoveries.

1999: Started all 16 games for the third consecutive season...Paced the defensive line with 72 tackles...Also collected six sacks and forced two fumbles...Had six stops and one sack at Philadelphia (9/19), helping Tampa Bay drop Eagles QBs nine times...Posted a season-high seven tackles and one sack against Chicago (10/24)...Turned in dominating performance in Monday Night win over Vikings (12/6), posting six tackles and two sacks...Sustained lofty level of play in 23-16 win over Lions (12/12), racking up six stops and 1.5 sacks...Dropped QB Gus Frerotte in the end zone for a safety, the club's first in 10 years...Notched six tackles in divisional playoff win over Washington (1/15)...Posted five stops in NFC Championship Game at St. Louis (1/23).

College/Personal: First-team All-SEC selection at Florida...Finished career with 18 sacks...Also an Academic All-America selection...Pursuing law degree at UF...Married to Monica, couple has two sons, Rex and Judge...Born 5/8/69 in Tallahassee, Florida.

Defensive Tackle

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WARREN SAPP

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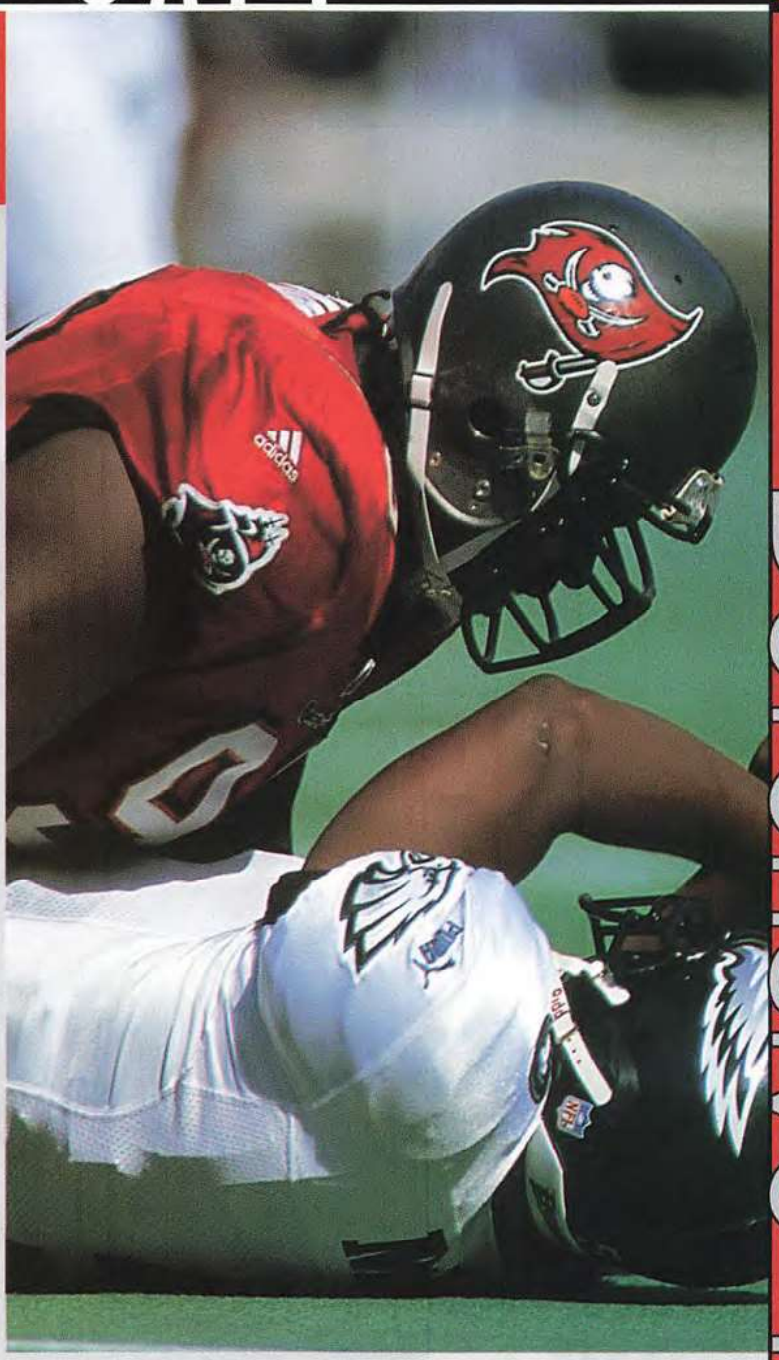
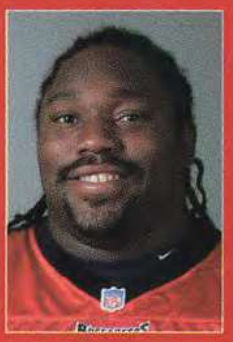
Last season, Warren became the first Buccaneer to earn AP NFL Defensive Player of the Year honors in 20 years.





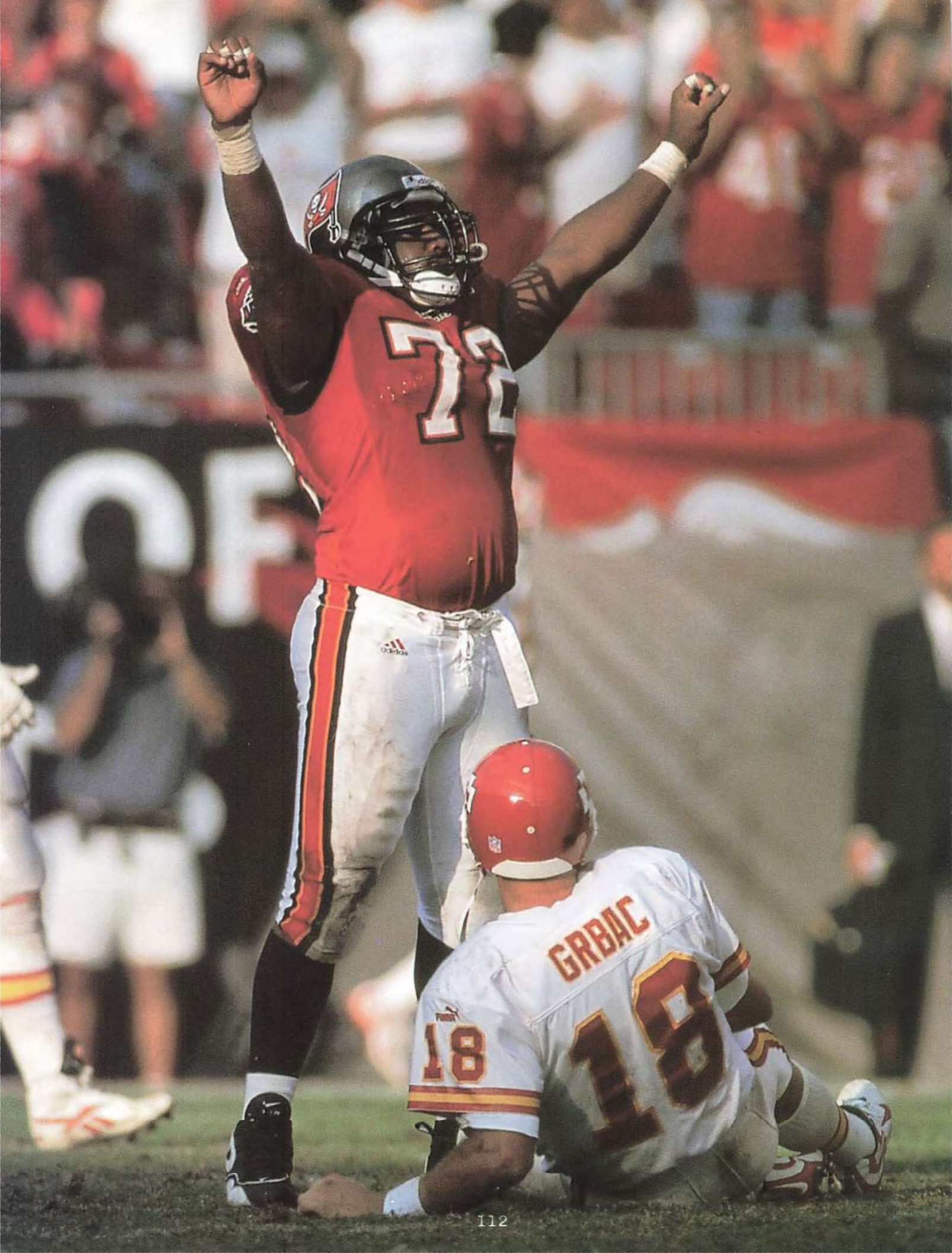
HT: 6-2 WT: 303
NFL: 6th Year College: Miami

The league's dominant defensive force and arguably its most engaging personality...Reigning Associated Press NFL Defensive Player of the Year who helped anchor the NFL's most suffocating defensive unit last season... Tenacious pass-rusher and smothering run-stopper...Selected to the last three Pro Bowls...Boasts 42 career sacks, ranking second in club history to Selmon's 78.5...Six-year career totals also include 259 tackles, 10 forced fumbles, five fumble recoveries and 10 passes defensed, plus four sacks in four playoff contests.

1999: Started 15 games, missing one contest (Minnesota, 10/3) with a broken hand...Racked up 54 tackles and a career-best 12.5 sacks...Added a career-high two fumble recoveries and tied a career-best with three forced fumbles...Earned first-team All-Pro honors from the Associated Press...Selected to his third consecutive Pro Bowl...His 12.5 sacks bested previous career mark of 10 1/2 (1997), finishing 1/2 sack shy of Lee Roy Selmon's single-season club mark of 13, set in 1977...Finished fourth in the NFC and fifth in the NFL in sacks, but each player above him lined up at end...Owned Veterans Stadium against the Eagles (9/19), tying a career-high with three sacks, totaling 28 yards...At Green Bay (10/10), posted four tackles and two second-half sacks...Recorded four stops, one sack and recovered own forced fumble in 16-3 win at Seattle (11/28)...Racked up five tackles, 1 1/2 sacks, one pass defensed and one forced fumble in 23-16 win over Detroit (12/12)...Racked up six tackles, one sack and a crucial fourth-quarter fumble recovery in NFC divisional playoff win over Washington (1/15).

College/Personal: Consensus All-America selection at Miami...Earned Lombardi Award as a junior...Named Big East Defensive Player of the Year...Married to Jamiko, couple has a daughter, Mercedes, and a son, Warren...Born 12/19/72 in Orlando, Florida.

Defensive Tackle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CHIDI AHANOTU

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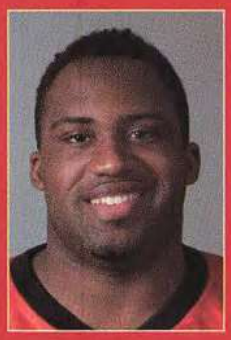
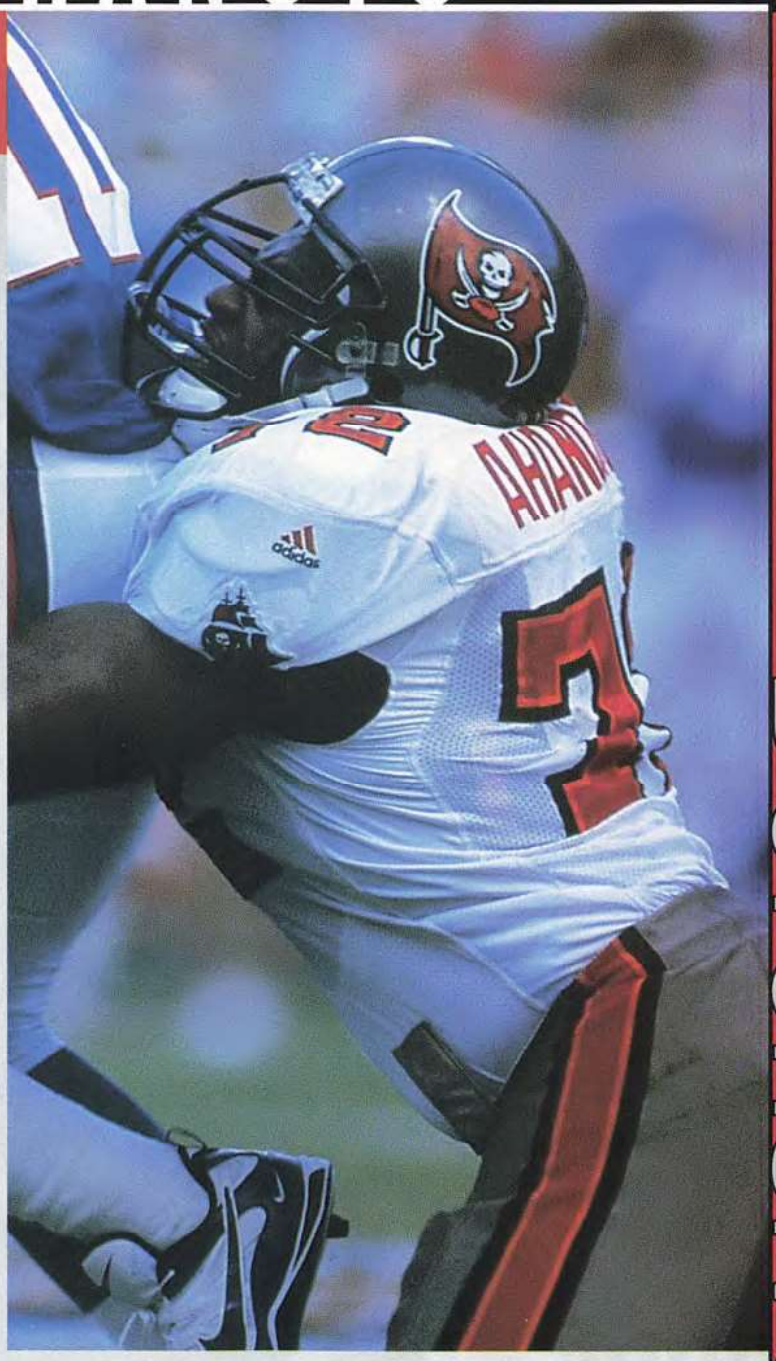
Chidi bounced back from a shoulder injury to post 6.5 sacks in 1999.





HT: 6-2 WT: 285
NFL: 8th Year College: California

Stalwart pass-rushing end who helps anchor the league's top defensive line...Returned from an injury-plagued 1998 season to post a solid 1999 campaign...Racked up 63 tackles and 6½ sacks in 16 games... Now ranks fifth on Tampa Bay's all-time sack list with 27½ sacks...Can boast 322 career tackles, 12 passes defensed, three fumble recoveries and one forced fumble...Signed a six-year contract as the Bucs' designated "franchise player" prior to 1999 training camp.

1999: Played in all 16 games, starting 15 at LDE...Collected 63 tackles (seven for loss) and 6½ sacks... Collected a career-high three sacks for 15 yards in 19-5 win at Philadelphia (9/19), helping Tampa Bay rack up nine sacks (one off team record)...Posted season-best six tackles and one sack against Denver (9/26)...Had five tackles, one sack and a forced fumble at Green Bay (10/10)...Recorded four stops and one sack at Detroit (10/31)...Added two tackles in division-clinching win at Chicago (1/2)...Posted six stops in NFC Championship loss at St. Louis (1/23).

College/Personal: Earned All-Pac-10 honors as a senior at California...Owns entertainment business that specializes in promotion of music events...Has two sons, Ijechi and Mayan...Born 10/11/70 in Modesto, California.

Defensive End

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STEVE WHITE

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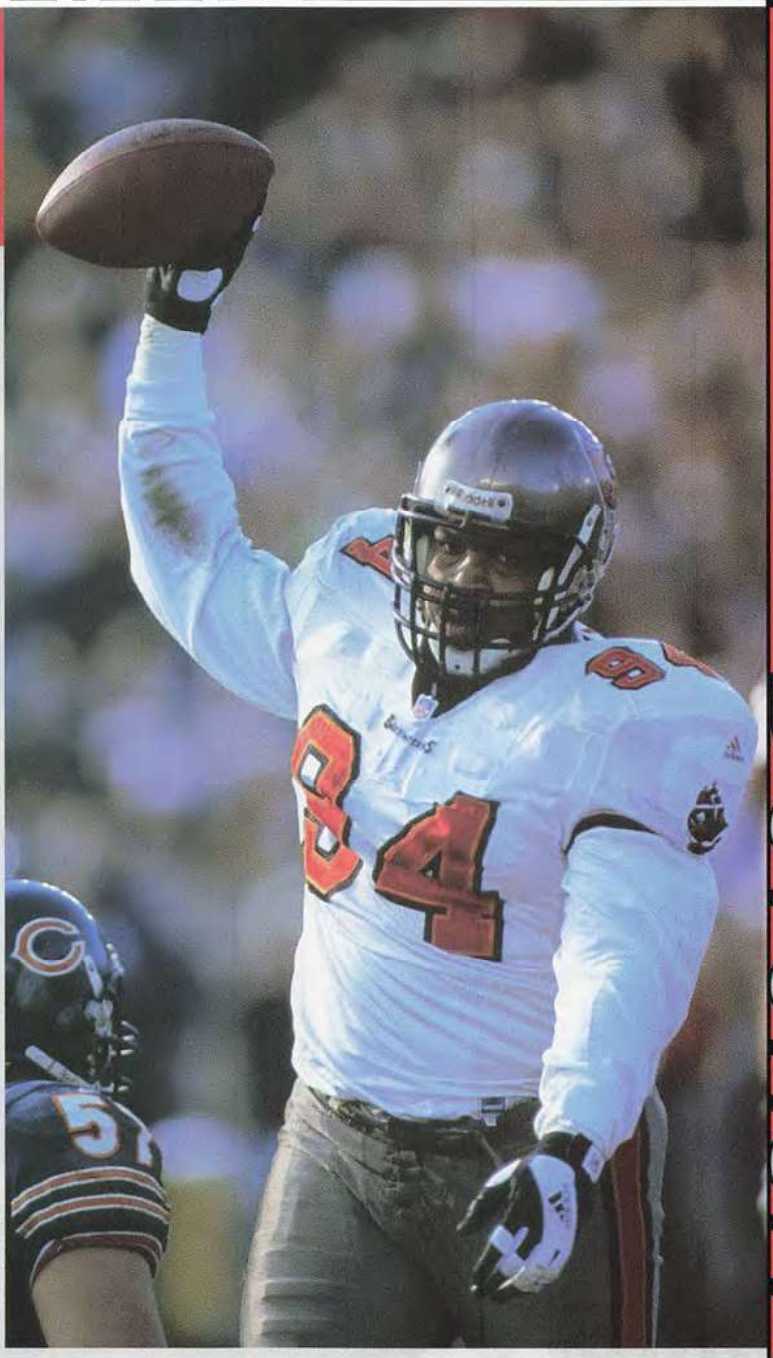
Steve's monster effort in Tampa Bay's playoff win over Washington (7 tackles, 2 sacks, 1 forced fumble) earned him NFL Defensive Player of the Week honors.



HT: 6-2 WT: 271
NFL: 5th Year College: Tennessee

Arguably the Bucs' most surprising success story during the club's most successful season...Former free agent pick-up that earned the starting RDE spot right before the season-opener...Posted a career-high 28 tackles and two sacks in 13 starts...Pumped up the volume in the playoffs, earning national recognition thanks to a collection of impact plays...Originally drafted by Philadelphia in the sixth round in 1996.

1999: Started 13 games, missing three games due to injury...Posted 28 tackles, two sacks and one fumble recovery...Made his second career start in the season-opener against Giants (9/12), registering three tackles and one sack...Posted a career-high five tackles in win over Denver (9/26)...Built some postseason momentum with five tackles, one sack and one fumble recovery in division-clinching win at Chicago (1/2)...Dominated Tampa Bay's 14-13 divisional playoff win over Washington (1/15), racking up a career-high seven tackles, a career-best two sacks and a forced fumble against the league's second-rated offense in the NFL...Named NFC Defensive Player of the Week for his efforts...Made his presence known immediately at the NFC Championship Game against St. Louis (1/23)...Tipped a Kurt Warner pass on the first play from scrimmage and intercepted it, setting up a FG.

College/Personal: Posted 105 career tackles and 20 sacks at Tennessee...SEC All-Academic selection...Born 10/25/73 in Memphis, Tennessee.

Defensive End

DERRICK BROOKS

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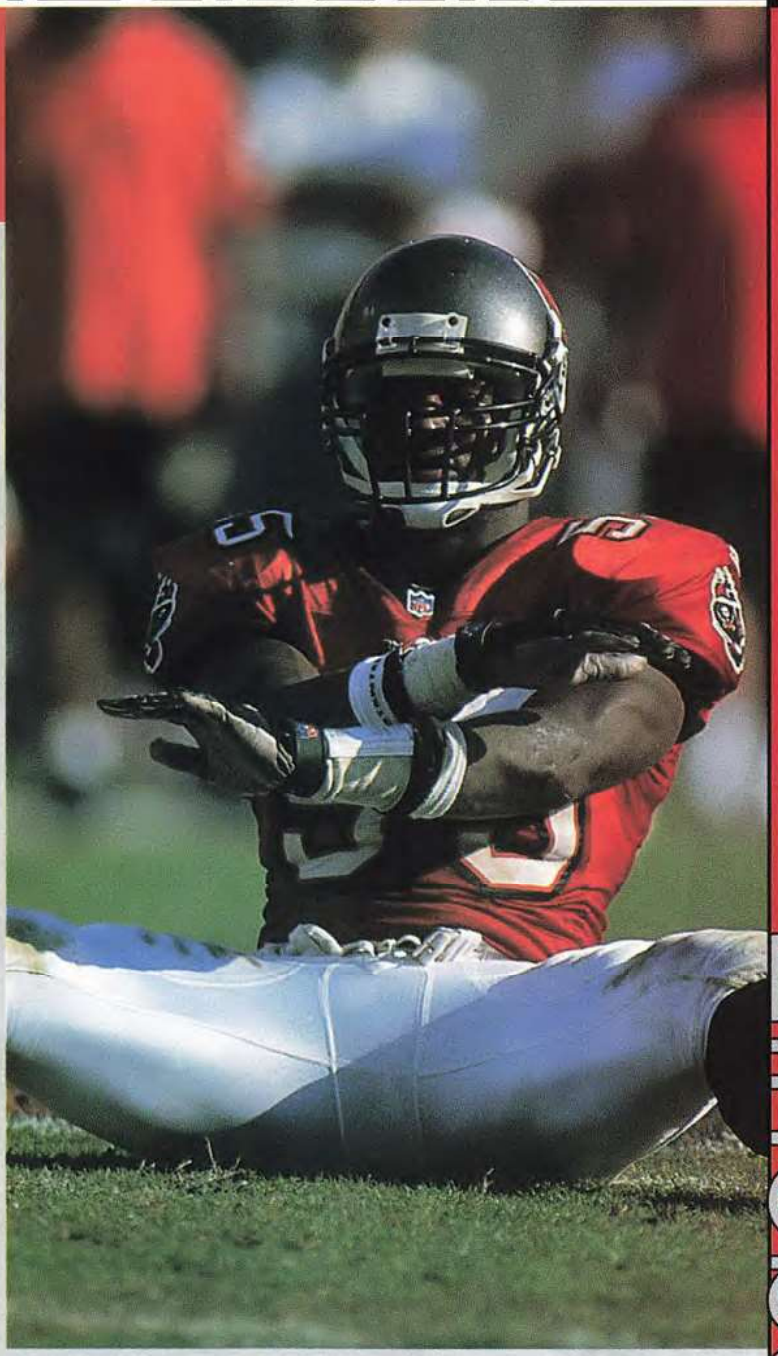
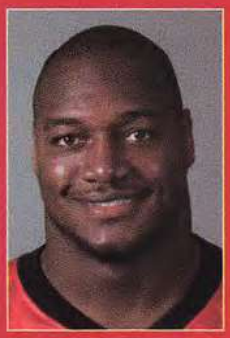
Derrick is the first player in club history to record three consecutive seasons with 180 or more tackles.





HT: 6-0 WT: 235
NFL: 6th Year College: Florida State

Fast evolving into the league's best overall LB...Voted the Bucs' Most Valuable Player the past two seasons...Coming off his most decorated season as a pro...Continued to rack up tackles last season, but also improved his coverage skills, collecting a career-best four INTs and 18 passes defensed...Recorded 180 tackles in 1999, moving up to third on Tampa Bay's all-time tackle list with 763 career stops...Selected to third consecutive Pro Bowl, where he picked off a Mark Brunell pass and returned it for a score...Earned first-team All-Pro honors from the Associated Press.

1999: Started all 16 games at weakside LB...Collected 180 tackles, recovered two fumbles and posted career-highs in INTs (4), passes defensed (18), forced fumbles (2) and sacks (2)...Named NFC Defensive Player of the Week after exceptional performance in 6-3 win over Chicago (10/24)...Racked up 13 tackles, four passes defensed and career-high two INTs...Recorded 10 tackles in 31-16 win at New Orleans (11/7)...Also picked off QB Billy Joe Tolliver, returning the theft 38 yards to set up a TD...Collected a season-high 17 stops against Kansas City (11/14), also forcing a fumble that led to a FG...Blanketed the Kingdome turf, amassing 12 tackles, two passes defensed, one INT and one sack in 16-3 win over Seahawks (11/28)...Racked up 16 tackles and broke up four passes in crucial division win over Lions (12/12)...Set Tampa Bay playoff record with 18 tackles in 14-13 divisional win over Washington (1/15)...Added 17 stops against Rams in NFC Championship Game (1/23).

College/Personal: First-team All-America selection at Florida State...Recently obtained master's degree from FSU...Arranged and financed a trip to Africa for local kids this past summer as part of his "Brooks' Bunch" program...Has a daughter, Brianna, and a son, Derrick, Jr....Born 4/8/73 in Pensacola, Florida.

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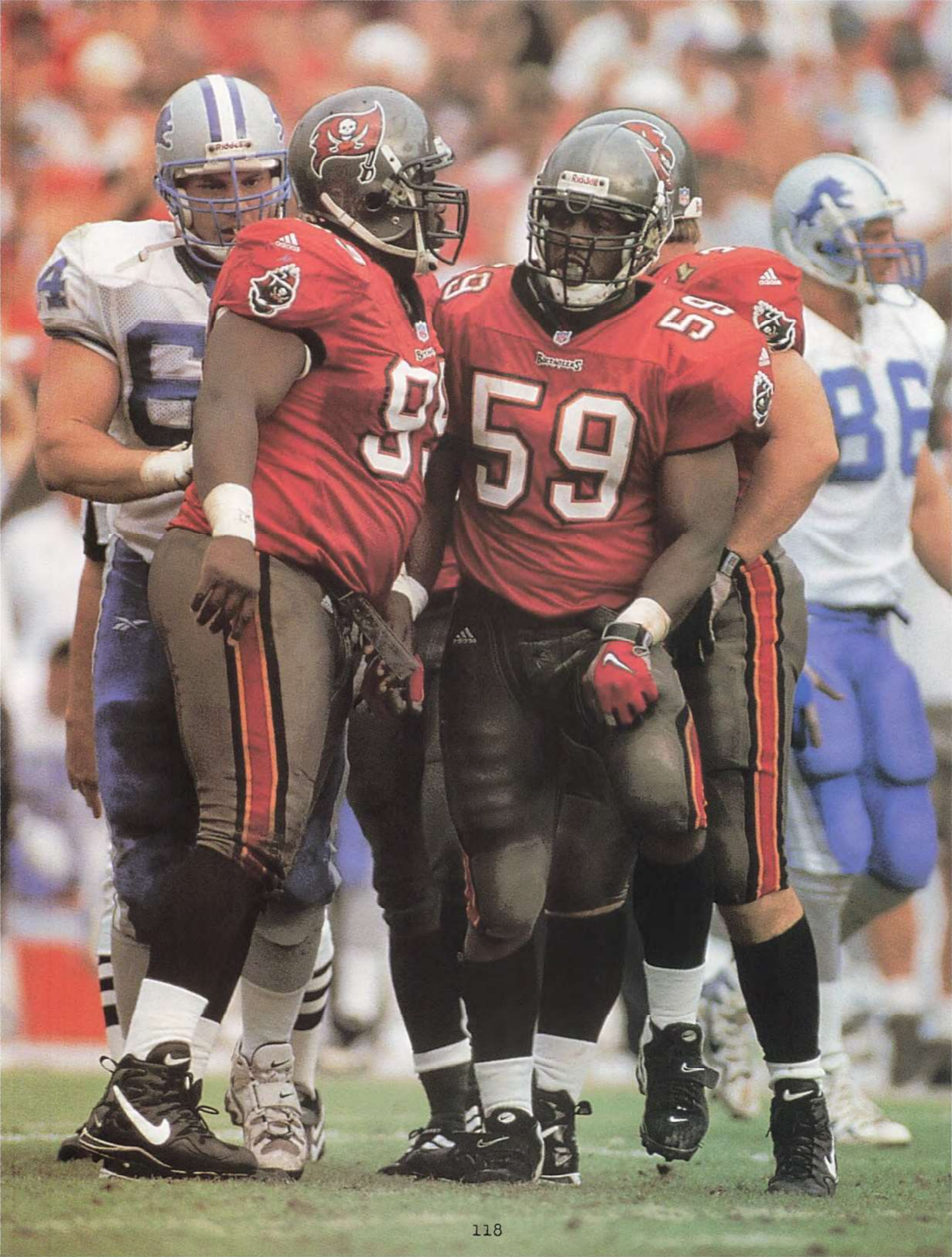
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JAMIE DUNCAN

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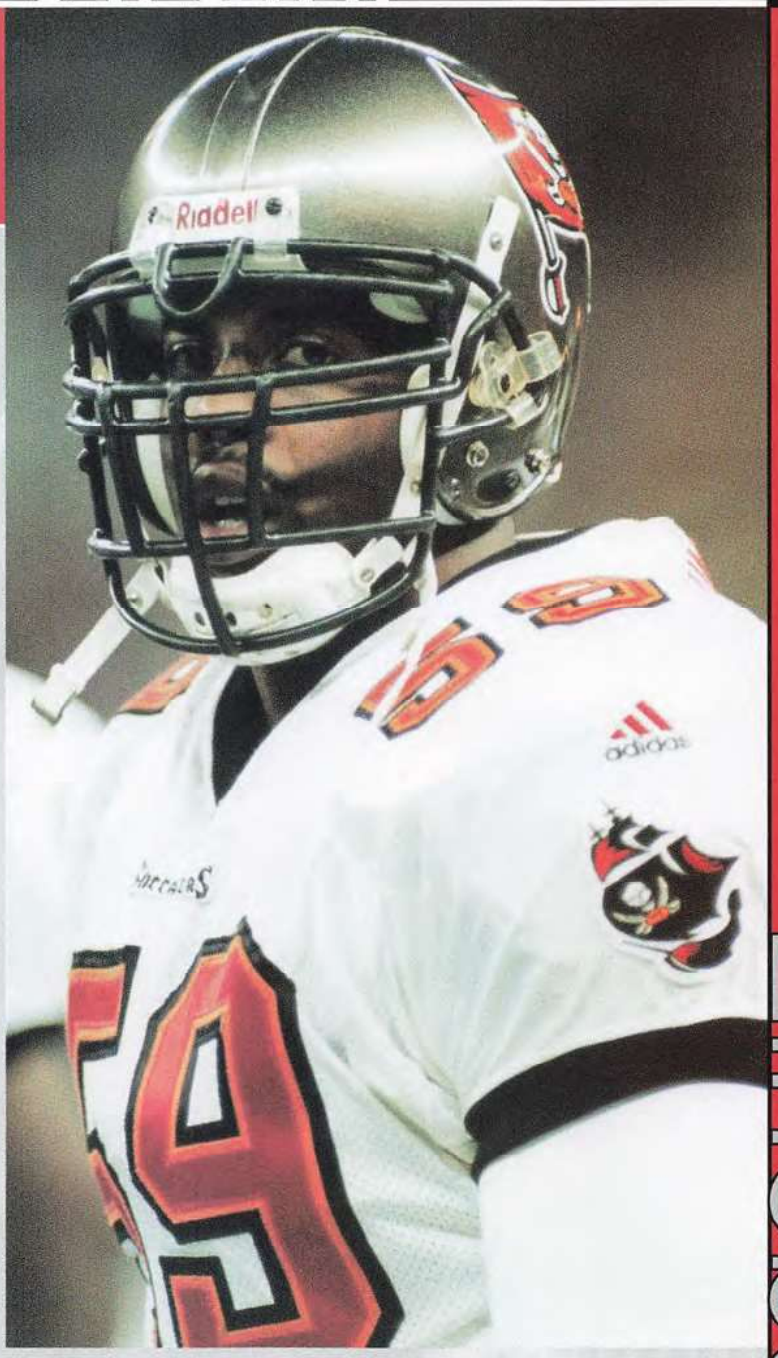
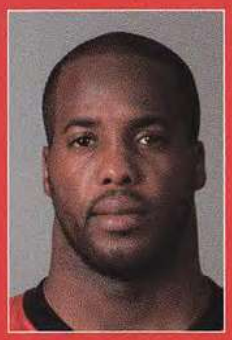
Jamie moves into the starting MLB role this season, a role he inherited for the last six games of the 1998 campaign.





HT: 6-0 WT: 242
NFL: 3rd Year College: Vanderbilt

Rising young defensive star who assumes Tampa Bay's starting MLB slot in his third season...Takes over for departed LB Hardy Nickerson (FA, Jacksonville)...Speedy run-stopper who is eager to tackle his new role...Played primarily on special teams last season, but started six games in place of Nickerson (pericarditis) at the end of the 1998 campaign...First rookie LB since teammate Derrick Brooks to record six or more starts as a rookie.

1999: Played in 15 games, primarily on special teams...Recorded seven special teams tackles and one forced fumble...Stripped the ball from Saints RB Troy Davis on a kickoff return in Tampa Bay's 31-16 win at New Orleans (11/7)...Fumble was recovered by K Martin Gramatica and led to a TD...Did not play against Green Bay (12/26)...Saw action in both playoff games.

College/Personal: Two-time first-team All-SEC selection at Vanderbilt...Amassed 427 tackles, eight forced fumbles and 12 sacks...Born 7/20/75 in Wilmington, Delaware.

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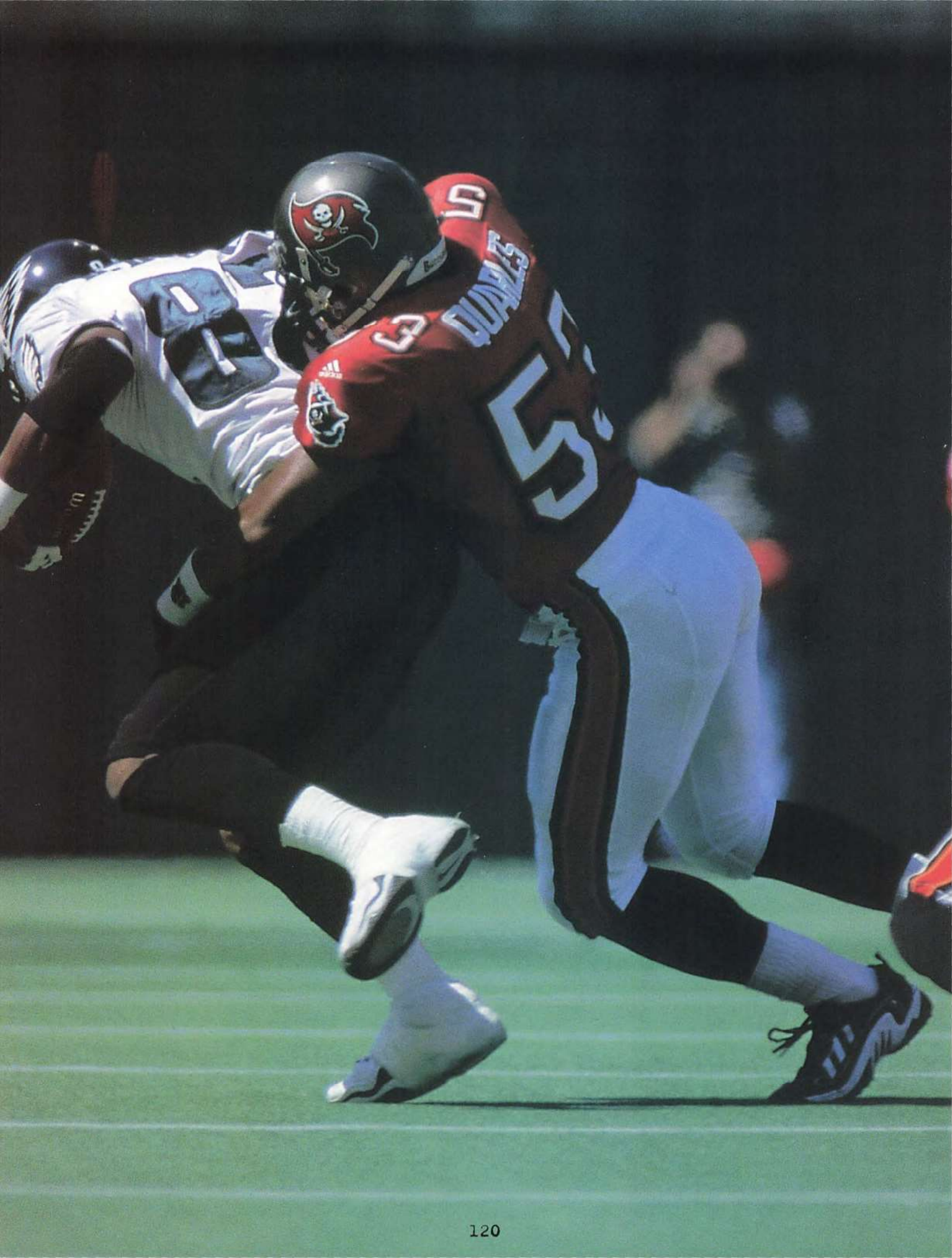

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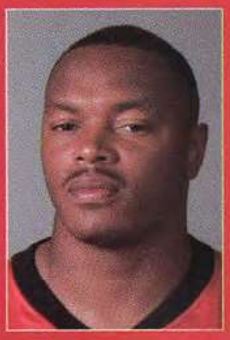
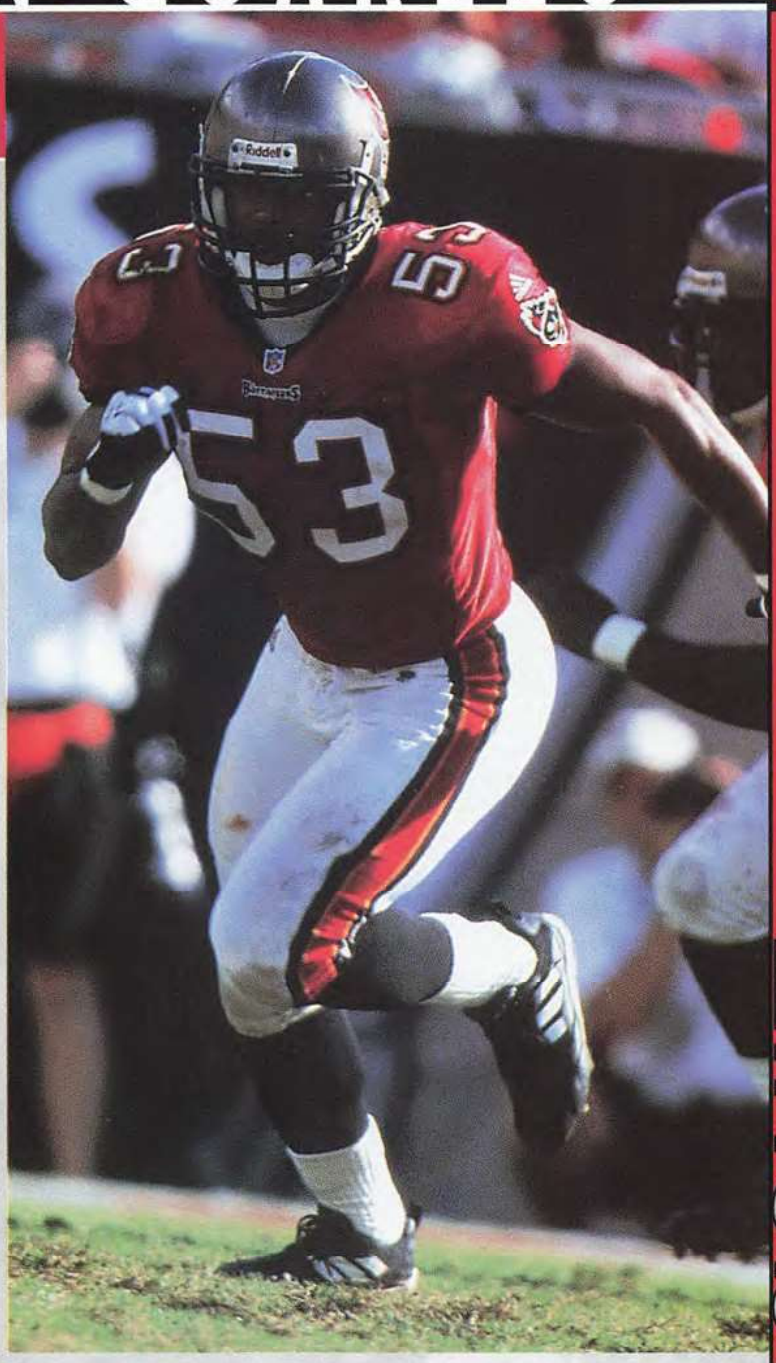
Shelton set a club record with 31 special teams tackles last season.





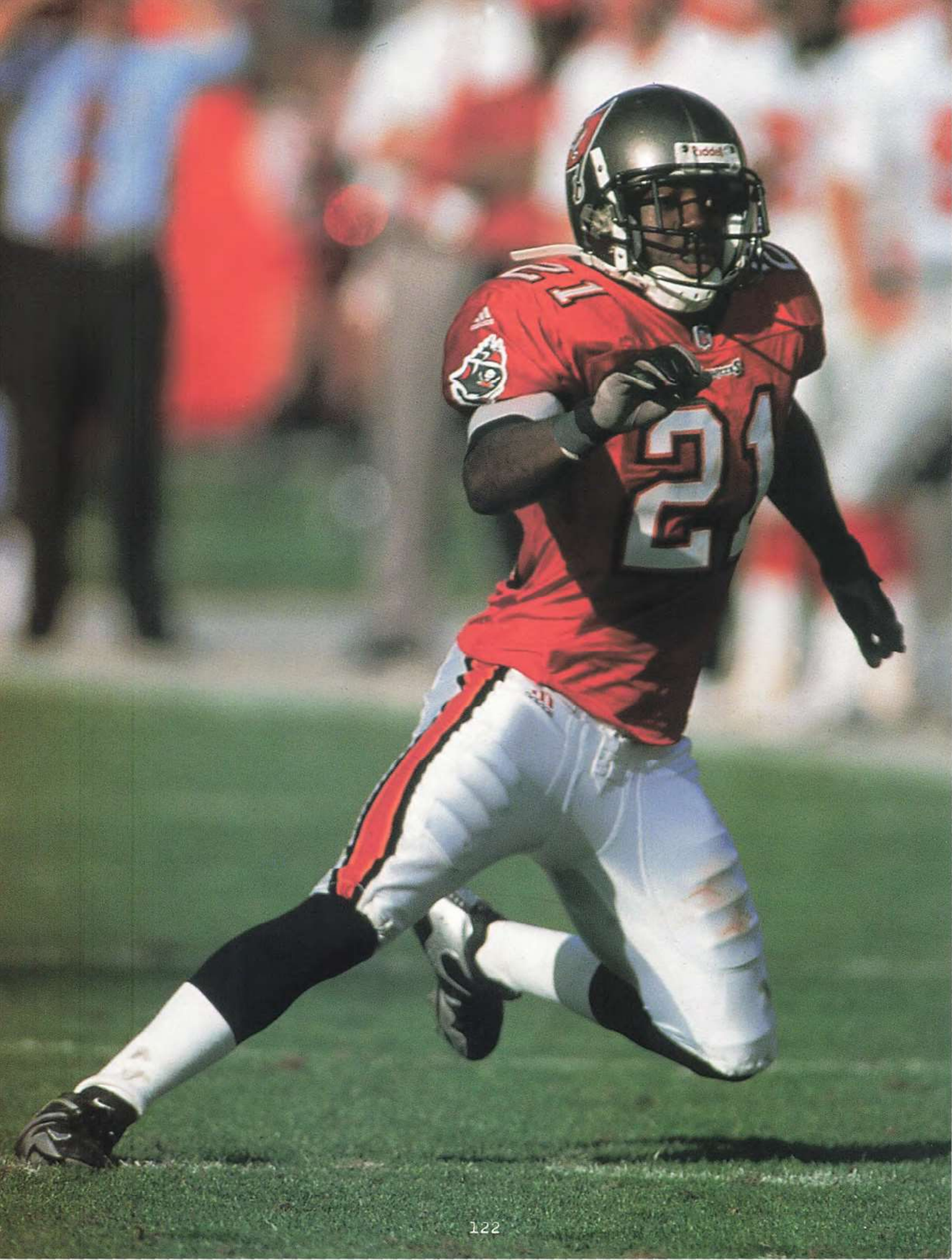
HT: 6-1 WT: 230
NFL: 4th Year College: Vanderbilt

Durable, explosive LB who earned the starting strongside slot in training camp...Excelled in starting role, while continuing to roam the field at a blistering pace on special teams...Racked up a club-record 31 special teams stops, breaking Sam Anno's 1989 mark of 28 special teams tackles...Collected a career-high 57 tackles...Made a smooth transition to the NFL after two seasons in the Canadian Football League.

1999: Won the starting strongside LB slot in camp and started 14 games, plus both playoff contests...Establish career-highs in tackles (57) and passes defensed (3)...Also set a Buccaneer record with 31 special teams tackles...Recorded first career start against the Giants (9/12), notching two tackles and a special teams stop...Had a career-high eight tackles and two special teams stops at Minnesota (10/3)...Collected five tackles and four special teams stops against Atlanta (11/21)...Tied Anno's club mark with five special teams tackles in 24-17 Monday Night win over Vikings (12/6)...Also recovered a fumble on a punt return that led to the game-winning TD...Posted three tackles and one special teams stop in divisional playoff victory over Washington (1/15).

College/Personal: Four-year starter at Vanderbilt...Recorded 388 tackles, 7 1/2 sacks and six forced fumbles...All-SEC choice as a senior...Married to Damaris...Born 9/11/71 in Nashville, Tennessee.

Linebacker



DONNIE ABRAHAM

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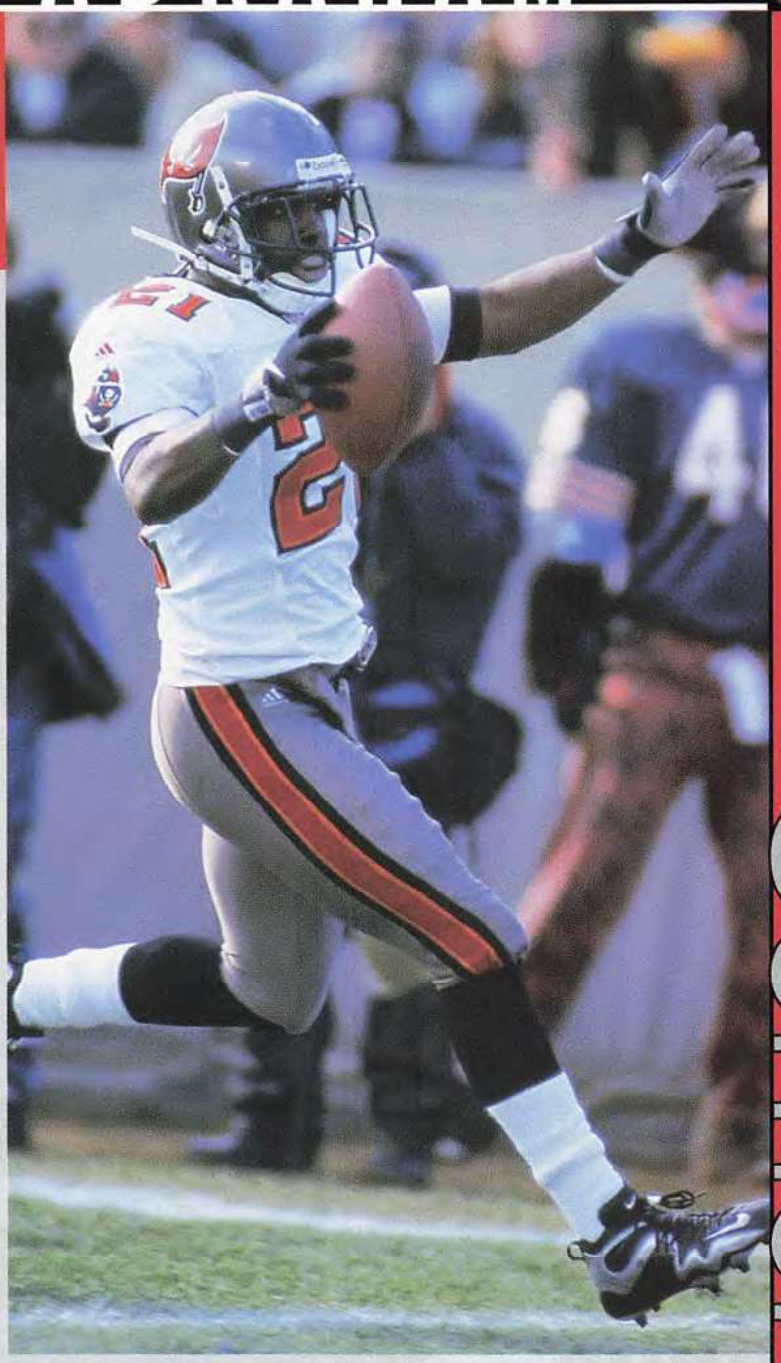
Donnie's seven INTs in 1999 tied him with Jeremiah Castle (1985) and Wayne Haddix (1990) for the second-best single-season effort in Buccaneer history.



HT: 5-10 WT: 192
NFL: 5th Year
College: East Tennessee State

One of the most underrated CBs in the league...Boasts tremendous ball-hawking skills and routinely lines up against the league's top receiving threats...Already ranks third on Tampa Bay's all-time INTs chart with 18 career thefts...Coming off one of the best seasons by a CB in club annals...Picked off a career-high seven passes and broke up a career-best 31 offerings...His 31 passes defensed set a Bucs record, shattering the old mark of 24 (Ricky Reynolds, 1992)...Returned two INTs for his first career TDs...His seven picks tied him with Philadelphia's Troy Vincent for the NFC lead.

1999: Started all 16 games at LCB, pacing team with seven INTs and 31 passes defensed...Also racked up 74 tackles and two sacks...Had six stops, two passes defensed and one INT at Minnesota (10/3)...Posted seven stops, two passes defensed and first career sack against Kansas City (11/14)...Earned NFC Defensive Player of the Week honors following a sensational outing in 19-10 win over Atlanta (11/21)...Collected two tackles and picked off two Chris Chandler passes in the fourth quarter...Returned his second INT 47 yards for his first career score with 27 seconds left to seal the win...Posted five stops, two passes defensed and one INT at Seattle (11/28)...Picked off two passes, returning one 55 yards for a score, in 24-17 Monday Night win over Vikings (12/6)...Added four tackles and five passes defensed, earning NFC Defensive Player of the Week honors...Set career-high mark with 11 tackles in win over Packers (12/26)...Had two tackles and one INT in division-clinching win at Chicago (1/2).

College/Personal: Four-year starter at East Tennessee State, where he picked off 15 passes...Also lettered in track...Married to Tunisia, couple has a son, Devin, and a daughter, Alivia...Born 10/8/73 in Orangeburg, South Carolina.

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RONDE BARBER

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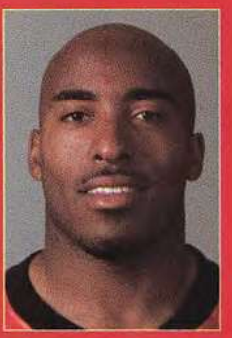
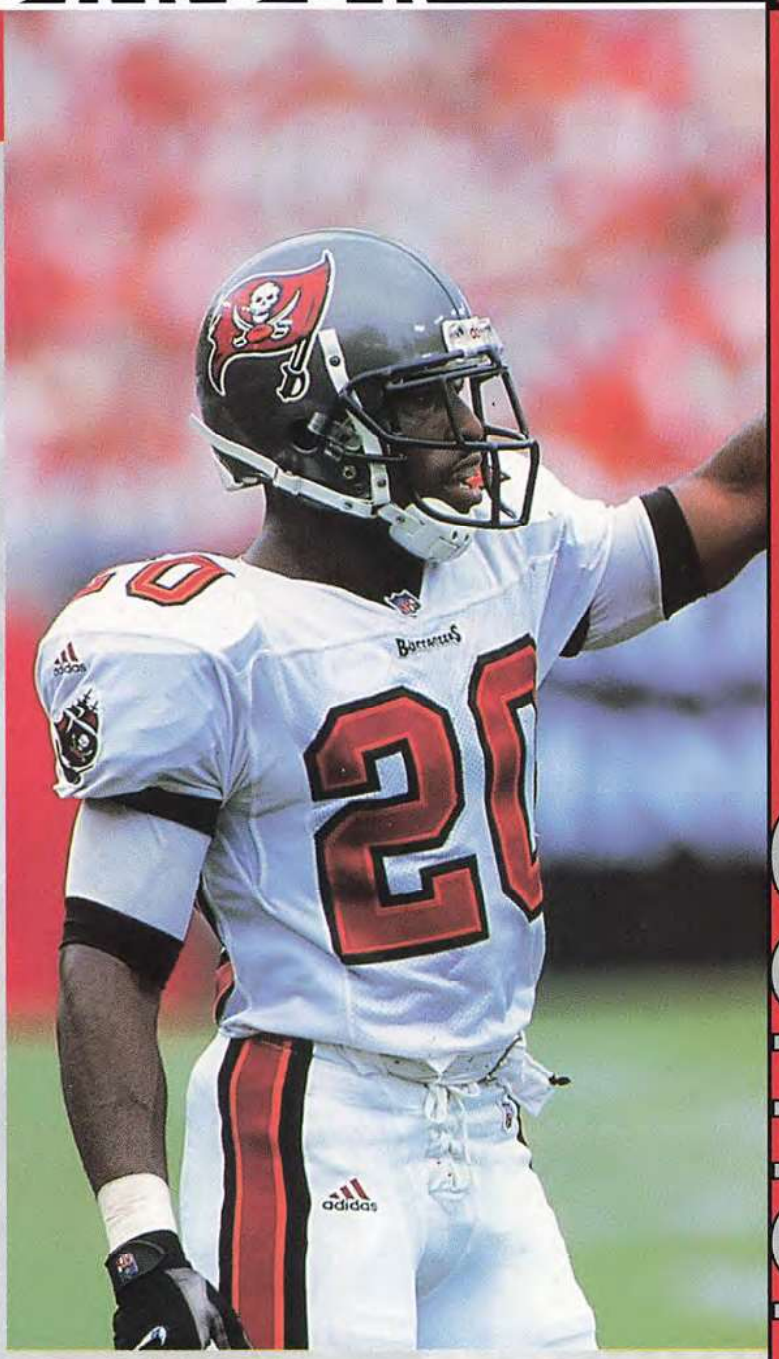
Ronde's twin brother, Tiki, is a RB for the New York Giants.





HT: 5-10 WT: 184
NFL: 4th Year College: Virginia

Intelligent and aggressive defender who is fast emerging as one of the top young CBs in the league...Has started 26 of the past 28 games (counting playoffs) after playing in just one regular-season contest as a rookie in 1997...Coming off his most productive season as a pro... Helped the Tampa Bay secondary rank first in the NFC and second in the NFL against the pass...Posted career-highs in tackles (74) and passes defensed (16), while equaling his 1998 mark of two INTs.

1999: Played in all 16 games, starting 15 at RCB...Posted career-best 74 tackles and 16 passes defensed... Recorded six tackles against the Giants (9/12), Philadelphia (9/19), Denver (9/26) and Minnesota (10/3)...Picked off a Billy Joe Tolliver pass in the end zone in 31-16 win at New Orleans (11/7)...Posted three tackles, two passes defensed and one INT in 16-3 win at Seattle (11/28)... Returned pick 43 yards late in the fourth quarter to cement win...Recorded six stops, two passes defensed and one sack in 24-17 Monday Night win over the Vikings (12/6)...Broke up a career-high four passes in 29-10 win over Packers (12/26), adding four tackles...Racked up season-high nine stops and two passes defensed in NFC Championship Game at St. Louis (1/23).

College/Personal: Three-time first-team All-ACC selection at Virginia...Recorded 154 tackles and picked off 15 passes, two off the school record...Born 4/7/75 in Montgomery County, Virginia.

Cornerback

JOHN LYNCH

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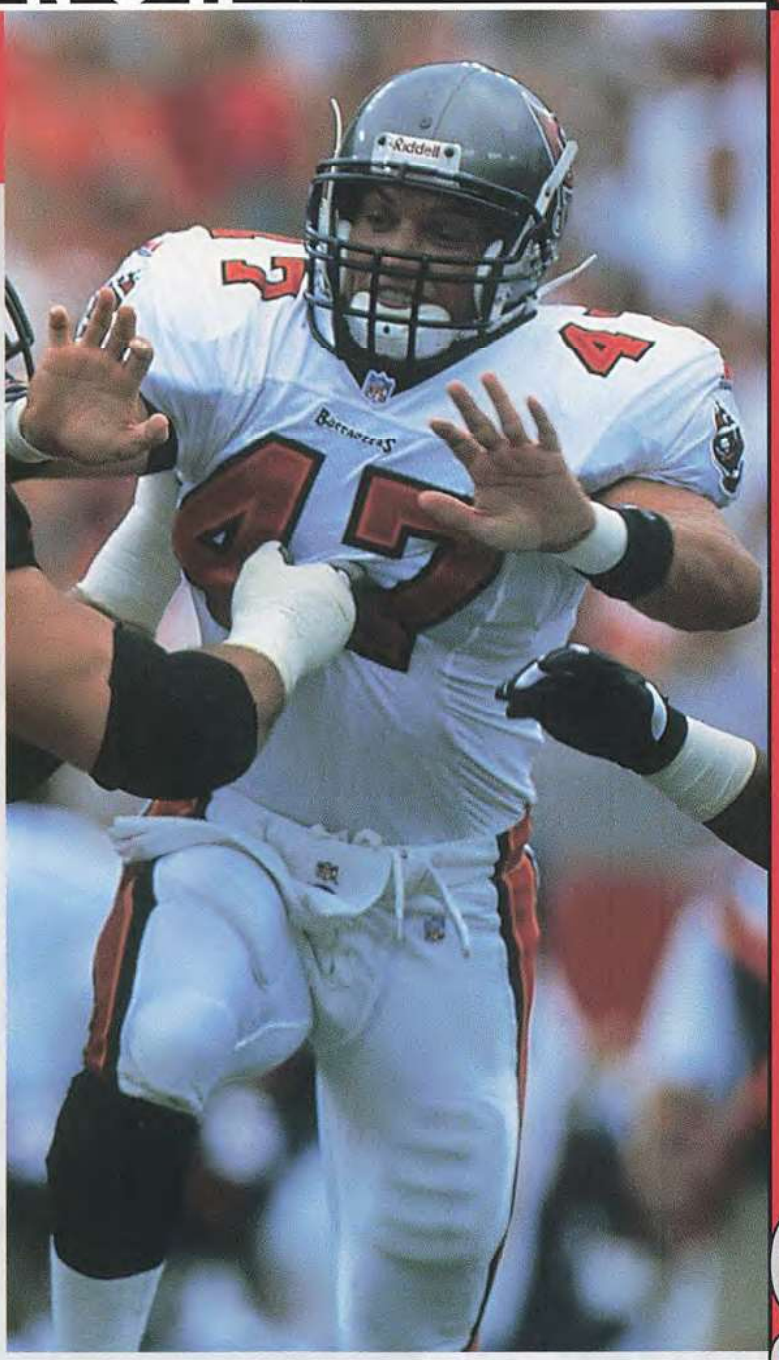
John's career-high 14 passes defensed helped him earn All-Pro honors for the first time.



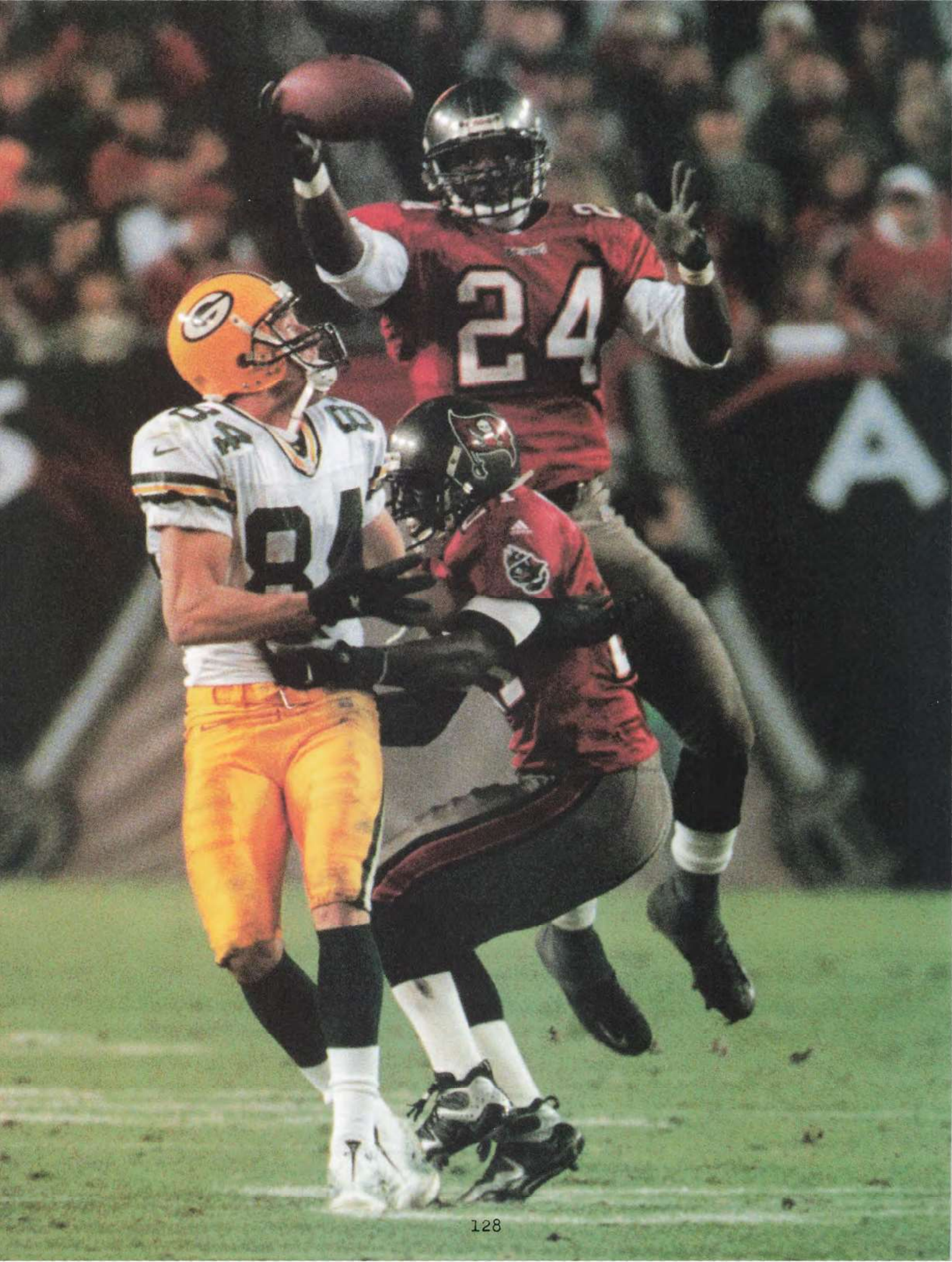
HT: 6-2 WT: 220
NFL: 8th Year College: Stanford

Physical team leader fresh off his most decorated season as a pro...Boasts compelling combination of speed, adrenaline and savvy... Virtually synonymous with the term "hard-hitting," he has racked up four consecutive seasons with 100 or more tackles...Long renowned for his knockout blows, but greatly improved his ball-hawking skills to garner first-team All-Pro selection by the Associated Press...Also earned second trip to the Pro Bowl...Helped Bucs secondary rank second in the NFL in 1999 and set a club mark for lowest opponent completion percentage (52.7 percent)...Has missed just one start over the past three campaigns.

1999: Started all 16 games at SS...Paced secondary with 128 tackles, adding two INTs, one forced fumble and a career-best 14 passes defensed...Earned first-team All-Pro honors from the Associated Press, *Sports Illustrated, Pro Football Weekly, USA Today, The Sporting News* and *Football Digest*...Opened the season with 10 tackles against the Giants (9/12)...Notched six tackles and picked off one pass in win at Philadelphia (9/19)...Paced secondary with seven tackles and two passes defensed in 6-3 win over Chicago...Collected nine stops and broke up two passes in 31-16 win at New Orleans (11/7)...Racked up season-high 13 tackles against Kansas City (11/14)...Also broke up a pass and forced a fumble, leading to a FG...Collected 10 tackles and one INT in 23-16 win over Lions (12/12)...Posted seven tackles and an INT in divisional playoff win over Washington (1/15)...Pick led to Bucs' first score, igniting rally from 13-0 deficit...Collected nine tackles in NFC Championship Game at St. Louis (1/23).

College/Personal: Switched from QB to S his junior year at Stanford and earned first-team All-Pac-10 honors...Drafted by the Florida Marlins in the 1992 Major League Baseball Draft...Runs "Salute the Stars" program that recognizes local student-athletes...Married to Linda, couple has a son, Jake...Born 9/25/71 in Hinsdale, Illinois.

Safety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DAMIEN ROBINSON

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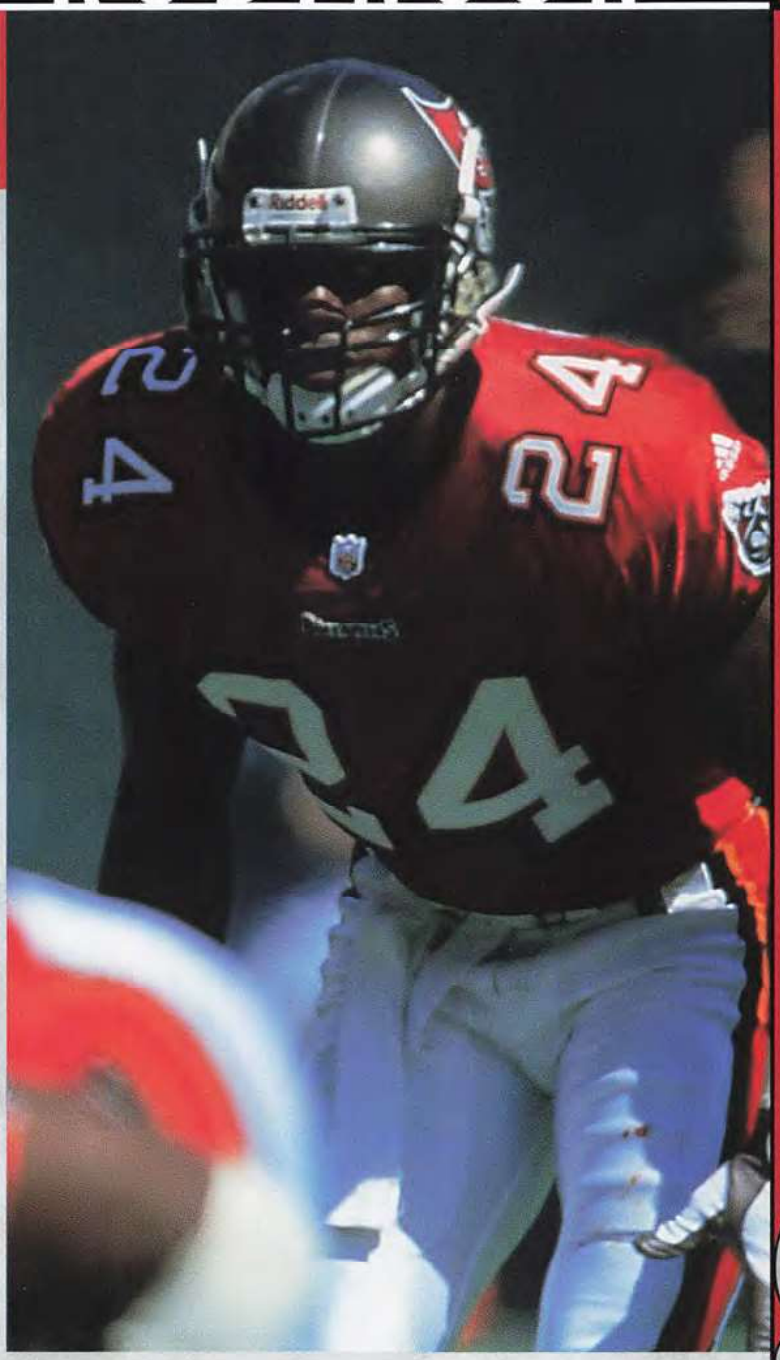
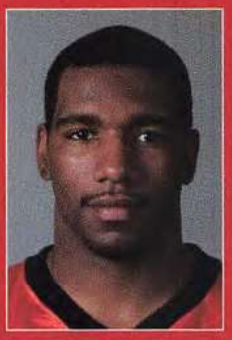
Damien finished fourth on the team with 95 tackles in his first season as a starter.





HT: 6-2 WT: 214
NFL: 4th Year College: Iowa

Talented, aggressive hitter who assumed the starting slot at FS last season and responded with a career year...Re-signed as a restricted free agent May 15...Finished fourth on the team with a career-high 95 tackles...Also secured four takeaways... Helped the Bucs' secondary rank second in the league in passing defense and set a team record for opponent completion percentage (52.7)... Soaring, assertive style blends well with the most aggressive defense in the NFL...Originally signed off Philadelphia's practice squad.

1999: Earned starting FS position during training camp...Started all 16 games, plus both playoff contests...Posted a career-high 95 tackles...Added two INTs, 11 passes defensed, two fumble recoveries and one forced fumble...Started first career game in season-opening loss to Giants (9/12)...Paced the secondary with nine tackles in 13-10 win over Denver (9/26)...Had a career-high 11 tackles, one pass defensed and a forced fumble at Green Bay (10/10)...Led the secondary with eight tackles against Chicago (10/24)...Recorded seven stops and recovered a fumble in Monday Night win over Vikings (12/6)...Turned in finest game of pro career in 29-10 win over Packers (12/26)...Garnered first two career INTs and recovered a fumble, leading to 17 Tampa Bay points...Also caught a 17-yard pass from P Mark Royals on a fake punt, leading to a FG...Notched four tackles in NFC Championship Game at St. Louis (1/23).

College/Personal: Played four seasons at Iowa, recording 276 tackles and 14 INTs...Has two daughters, Zoya and Zariah...Born 12/22/73 in Dallas, Texas.

Safety

MARCUS JONES

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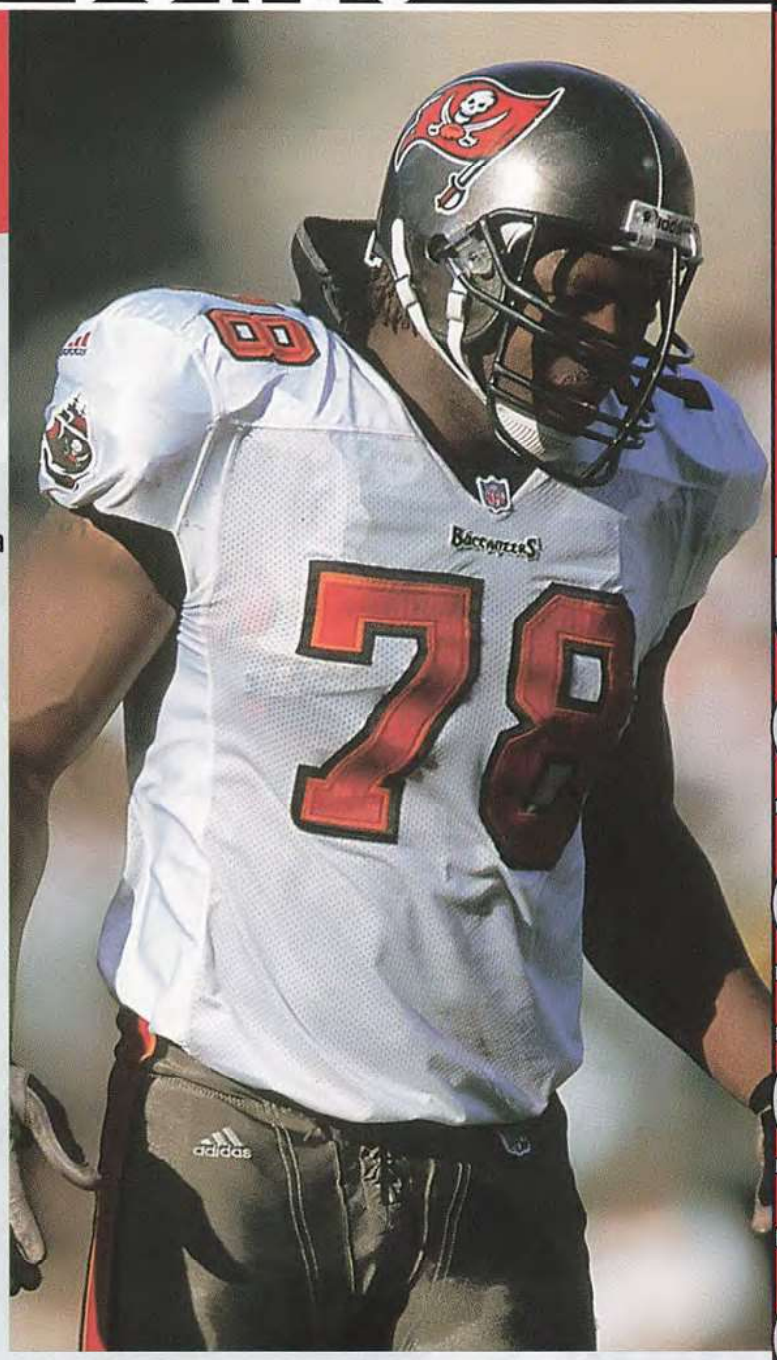
Marcus exploded for 36 tackles and seven sacks last season after managing just 32 tackles and one sack his previous three seasons.



HT: 6-6 WT: 278
NFL: 5th Year College: North Carolina

Tall, athletic end who is coming off a breakthrough season...Boasts enviable combination of power and speed...Switched from DT to DE during training camp and blossomed in his fourth NFL campaign... Established career-highs in tackles (36), sacks (7) and forced fumbles (2)...Had just 32 tackles and one sack in his first three NFL seasons.

1999: Played in all 16 games, starting four (three at RDE, one at LDE)...Collected a career-best 36 tackles, seven sacks and two forced fumbles...Also broke up one pass...Sack total was second only to DT Warren Sapp's 12½ QB drops... Posted three tackles and a career-high two sacks for 12 yards in Tampa Bay's 19-5 win at Philadelphia (9/19)...Earned second career start in place of an injured Steve White (ankle) at Minnesota (10/3), racking up career-high seven tackles...Started again for White at Green Bay (10/10), notching four stops and dropping QB Brett Favre for a 12-yard loss...Had two tackles, one sack and one forced fumble in division-clinching victory over Bears (1/2).

College/Personal: Played four seasons at UNC, racking up 222 tackles and 24 sacks, besting Lawrence Taylor's then-school record...All-America and ACC Defensive Player of the Year as a senior...Married to Bethany...Born 8/15/73 in Jacksonville, North Carolina.

Defensive End

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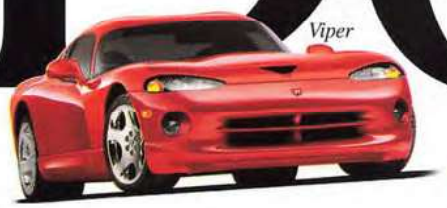
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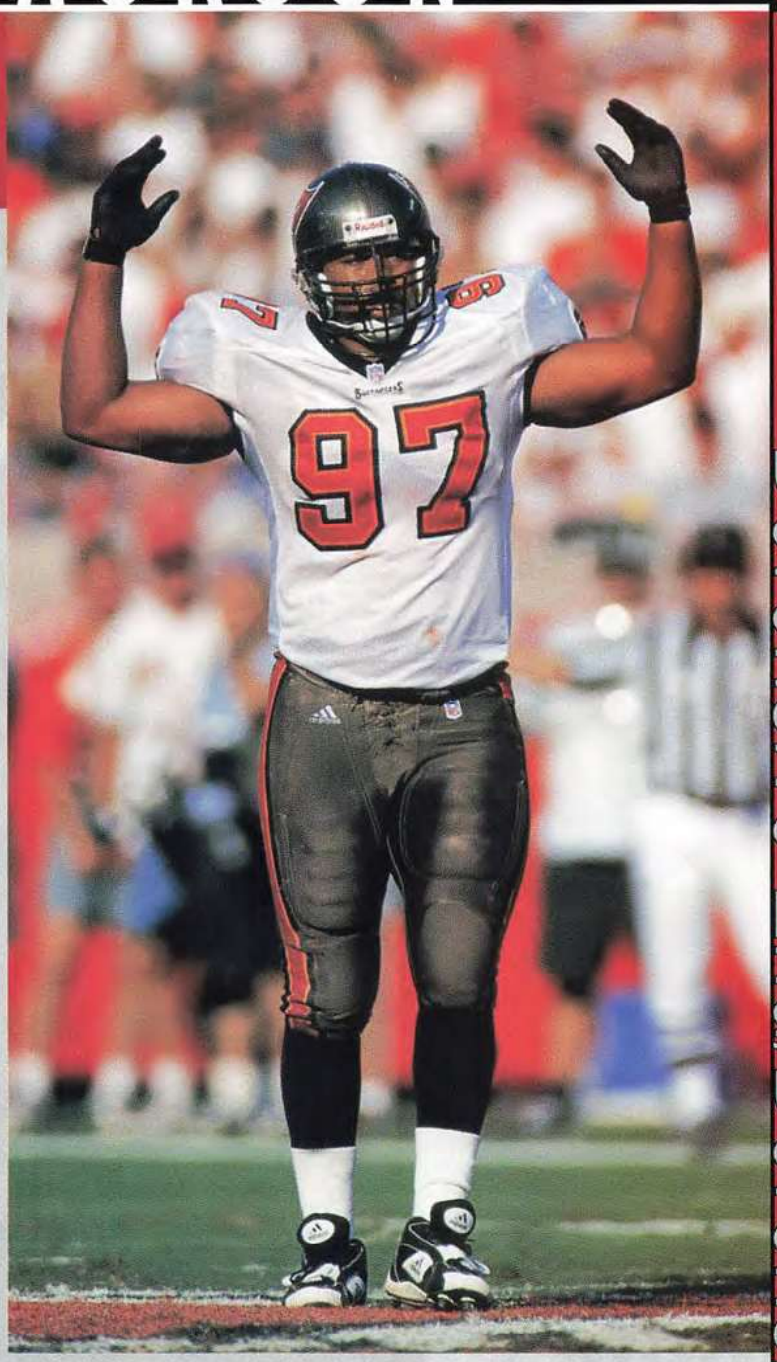

HT: 6-2 WT: 280
NFL: 6th Year College: Penn State

Tough, versatile lineman who provides depth to the league's best defensive line...Can boast 46 career games played and 14 career starts, seeing action at both end and tackle...Career totals show 65 tackles, 6 sacks, three forced fumbles and one fumble recovery...Originally broke into the league as an undrafted free agent with Atlanta in 1994...Later cut by the Falcons and picked up by Miami, playing in one regular-season affair and two playoff games...Made the Bucs' roster as a free agent in 1996.

1999: Played in six games with one start at DT...Inactive for the other 10 contests...Posted nine tackles and one sack...Saw initial action at Minnesota (10/3), starting in place on an injured Warren Sapp (wrist) and recording three tackles...Posted one tackle at Green Bay (10/10)...Added one tackle in win over Chicago (10/24)...Dropped QB Charlie Batch at Detroit (10/31)...Saw limited action against Kansas City (11/14)...Collected three tackles at Oakland (12/19)...Did not suit up for either playoff game.

College/Personal: Ranks second on Penn State's career sack list with 24 over four seasons...First-team All-Big Ten selection as a senior...Born 11/22/71 in Forrestville, Maryland.

Defensive End/Defensive Tackle

ANTHONY McFARLAND

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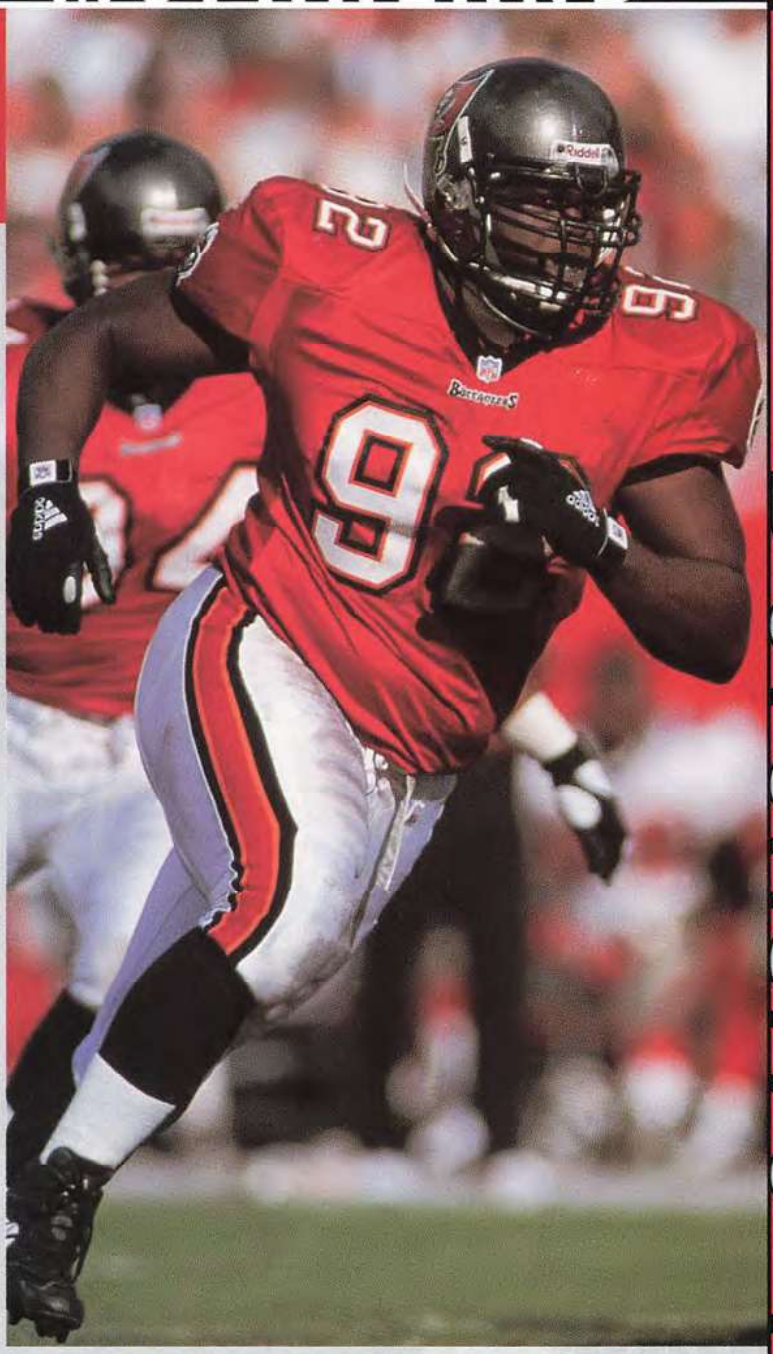
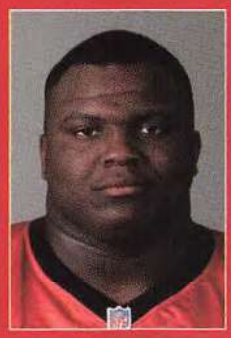
Anthony gained valuable experience last season playing behind veteran tackles Brad Culpepper and Warren Sapp.





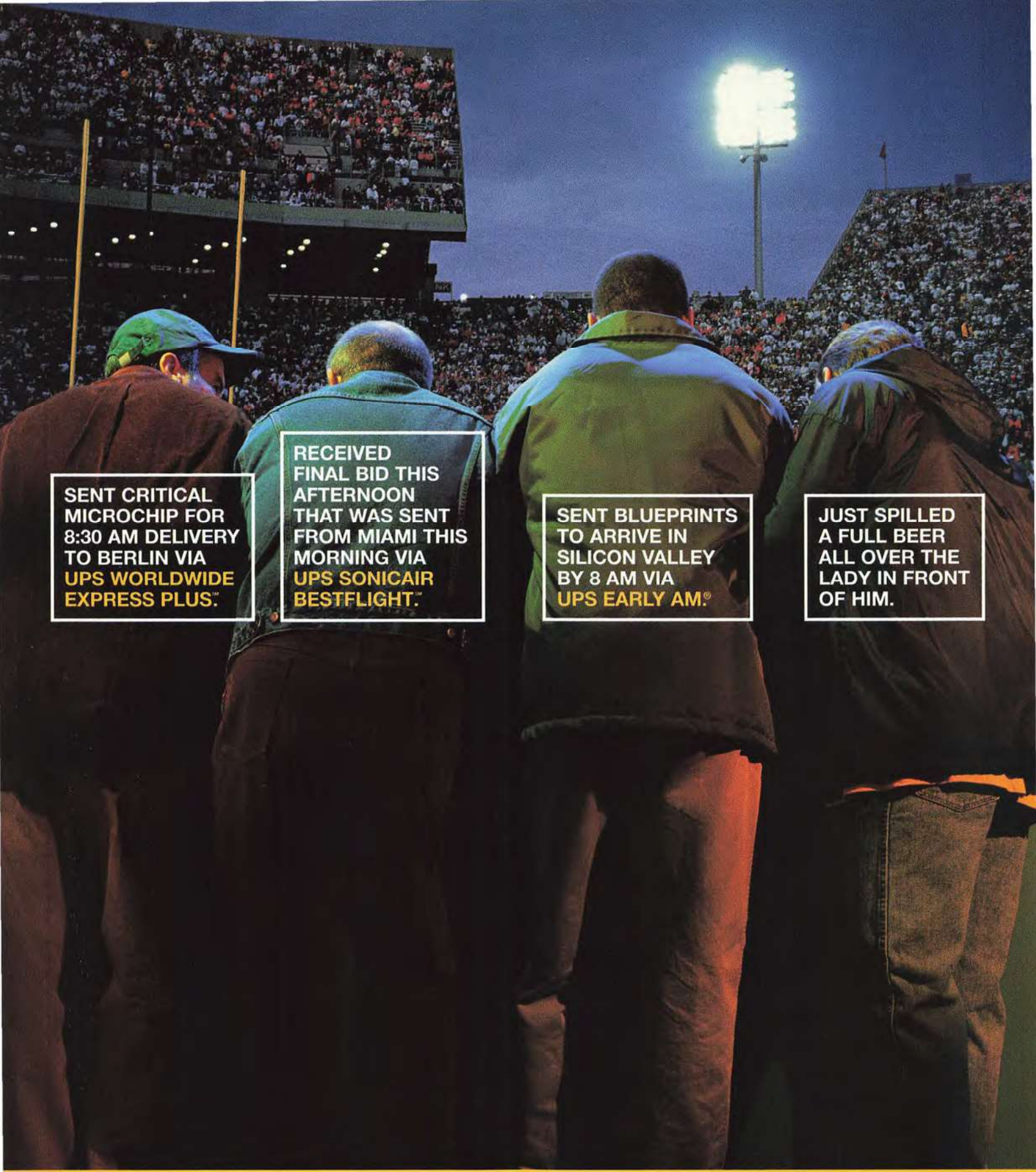
HT: 6-0 WT: 300
NFL: 2nd Year
College: LSU

Explosive, powerful lineman who boasts tremendous upside...Saw limited snaps as a rookie, rotating with NFL Defensive Player of the Year Warren Sapp and fellow DT Brad Culpepper...Physical run-stuffer who is quick enough to wreak havoc in the backfield...Former first-team All-America choice at LSU...Should see increased playing time on the league's most intimidating defensive line.

1999: Played in 14 games, plus both playoff contests...Collected 13 tackles, one sack and one forced fumble...Made NFL debut in season-opener against Giants (9/12)...Recorded first two career tackles at Philadelphia (9/19)...Lined up at FB in goal-line situations at Detroit (10/31) and New Orleans (11/7)...Collected first career NFL sack, dropping QB Jon Kitna for a six-yard loss in 16-3 win at Seattle (11/28)...Saw most extensive action on the season in season finale at Chicago (1/2), replacing an injured Culpepper (heel)...Collected career-best three tackles as Bucs clinched division title with 20-6 victory...Played in both playoff contests, registering one tackle in NFC Championship Game at St. Louis (1/23).

College/Personal: First-team All-America selection at LSU...Collected 17 sacks and 55 tackles for loss in four seasons in Baton Rouge...Born 12/18/77 in Winnsboro, Louisiana.

Defensive Tackle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JOHN McLAUGHLIN

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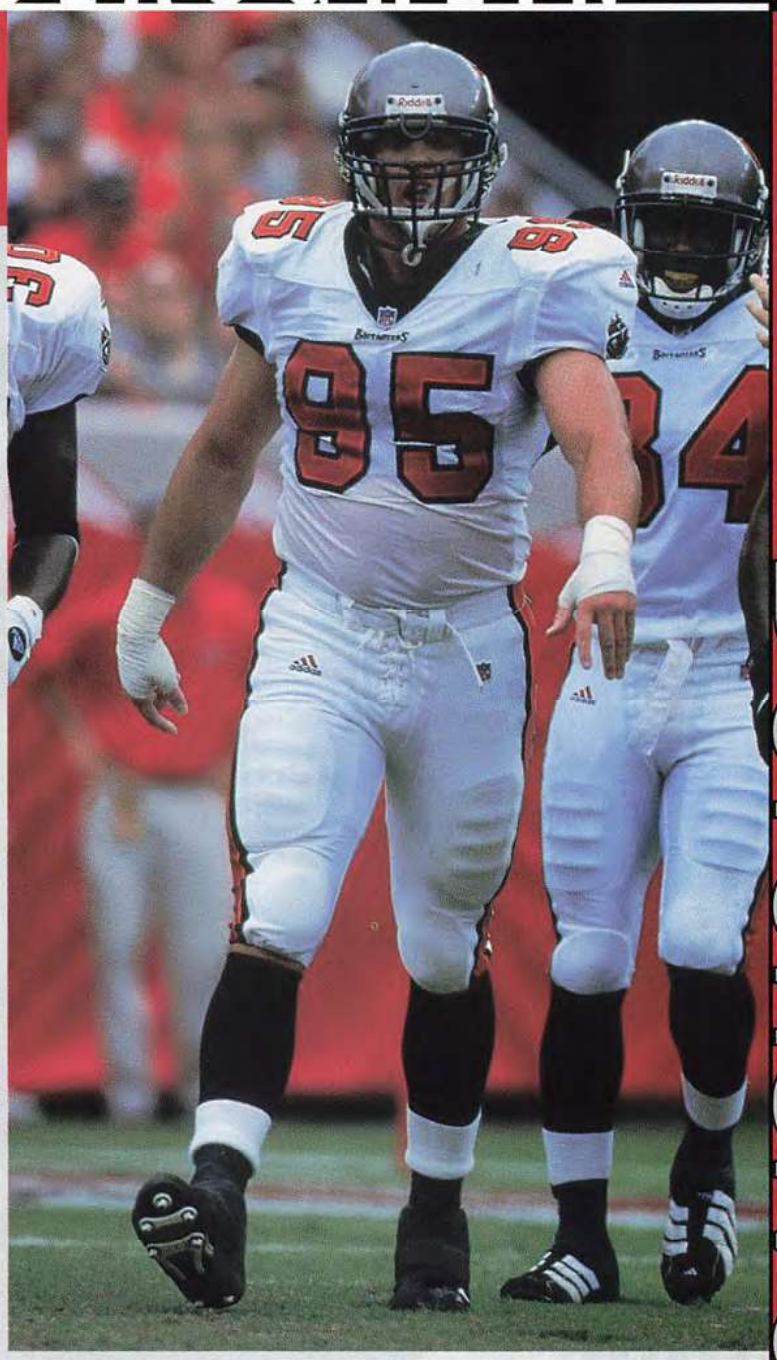
John cemented his status as one of the league's top young special teams players with 14 tackles as a rookie.



HT: 6-4 WT: 247
NFL: 2nd Year College: California

Strong, high-motor pass-rusher who enjoyed successful rookie campaign ... Special teams demon that streaks downfield with reckless abandon from the gunner position... Boasts intriguing combination of size and speed...Finished eighth on the team with 14 special teams tackles, despite missing four games...Also provides depth to the league's best defensive line.

1999: Played in 12 games as a rookie, missing four contests with a right shoulder sprain...Posted one tackle and 14 special teams stops...Named NFC Special Teams Player of the Week after 13-10 win over Denver (9/26)...Posted career-best two special teams tackles and downed Mark Royals' punt inside the Broncos' five-yard line...Blocked K Gary Anderson's 37-yard FG attempt at Minnesota (10/3)...Marked Tampa Bay's first blocked FG since 12/7/97...Posted first career tackle at Oakland (12/19)...Had two special teams tackles in division-clinching win at Chicago (1/2)...Played in both playoff contests.

College/Personal: Played two seasons at Cal after transferring from Notre Dame...All-Pac-10 selection as a junior...Born 11/13/75 in Cleveland, Ohio.

Defensive End

JEFF GOOCH

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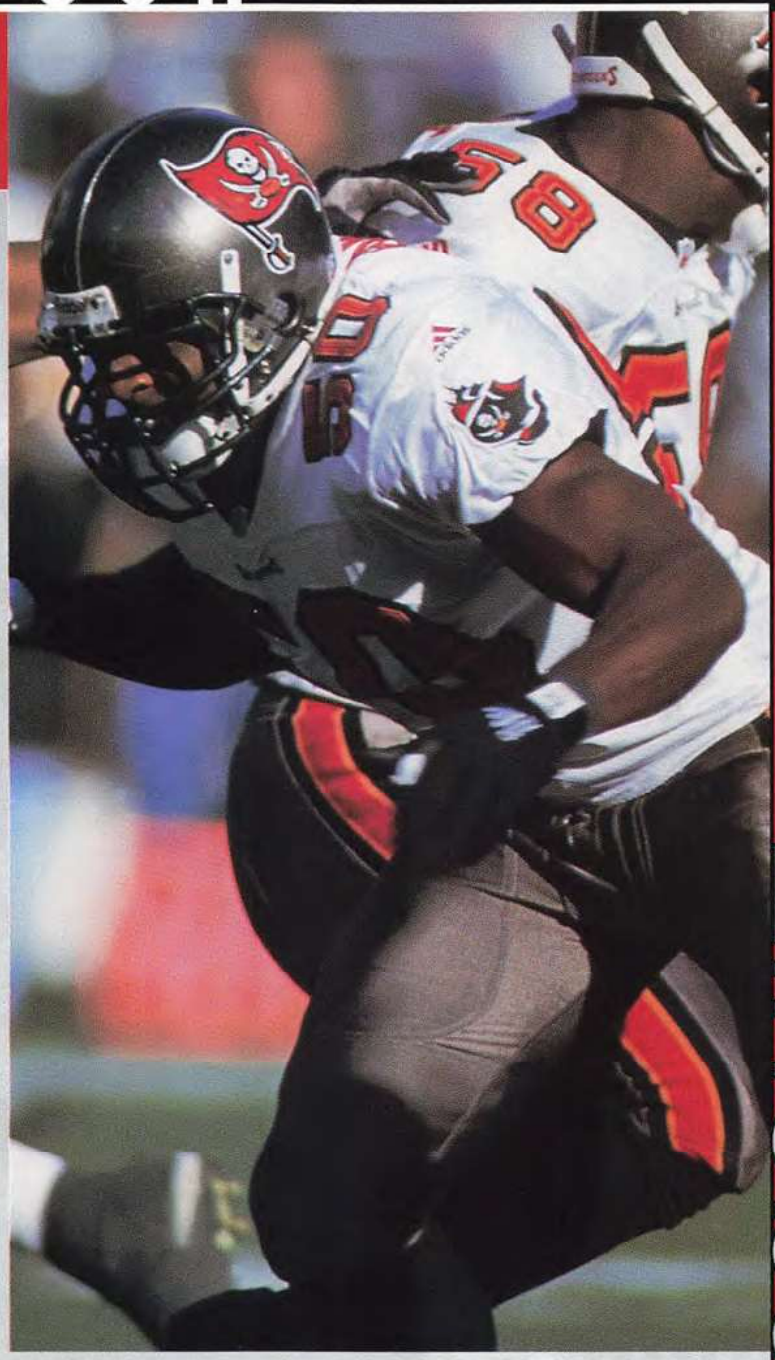
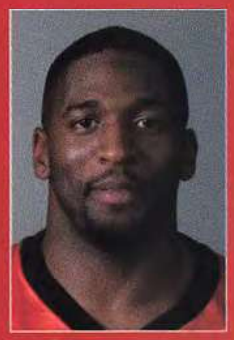
Jeff collected 19 special teams tackles last season in a reserve role.





HT: 5-11 WT: 225
NFL: 5th Year College: Austin Peay

Tough, hard-nosed LB who also excels on special teams...Though perhaps considered "undersized" for his position, employs exceptional speed and quickness to make plays...Re-signed with the Bucs last year...Can boast 111 career tackles, six forced fumbles, two fumble recoveries, one sack and 46 special teams stops...Has started 21 career games...Originally joined club as an undrafted free agent in 1996.

1999: Played in 15 games, missing Tampa Bay's contest at Philadelphia (9/19) with a hamstring injury... Recorded four tackles plus 19 special teams stops, good for third on the team...Posted three special teams tackles against Atlanta (11/21)... Racked up season-high four special teams stops in Monday Night win over Minnesota (12/6)...Recorded season-best three tackles at Oakland (12/19)...Had one special teams tackle in each of Tampa Bay's playoff contests.

College/Personal: Played LB, S and QB in four seasons at Austin Peay...Married to Tonya, couple has a son, Dorien...Born 10/31/74 in Nashville, Tennessee.

Linebacker

ALSHERMOND SINGLETON

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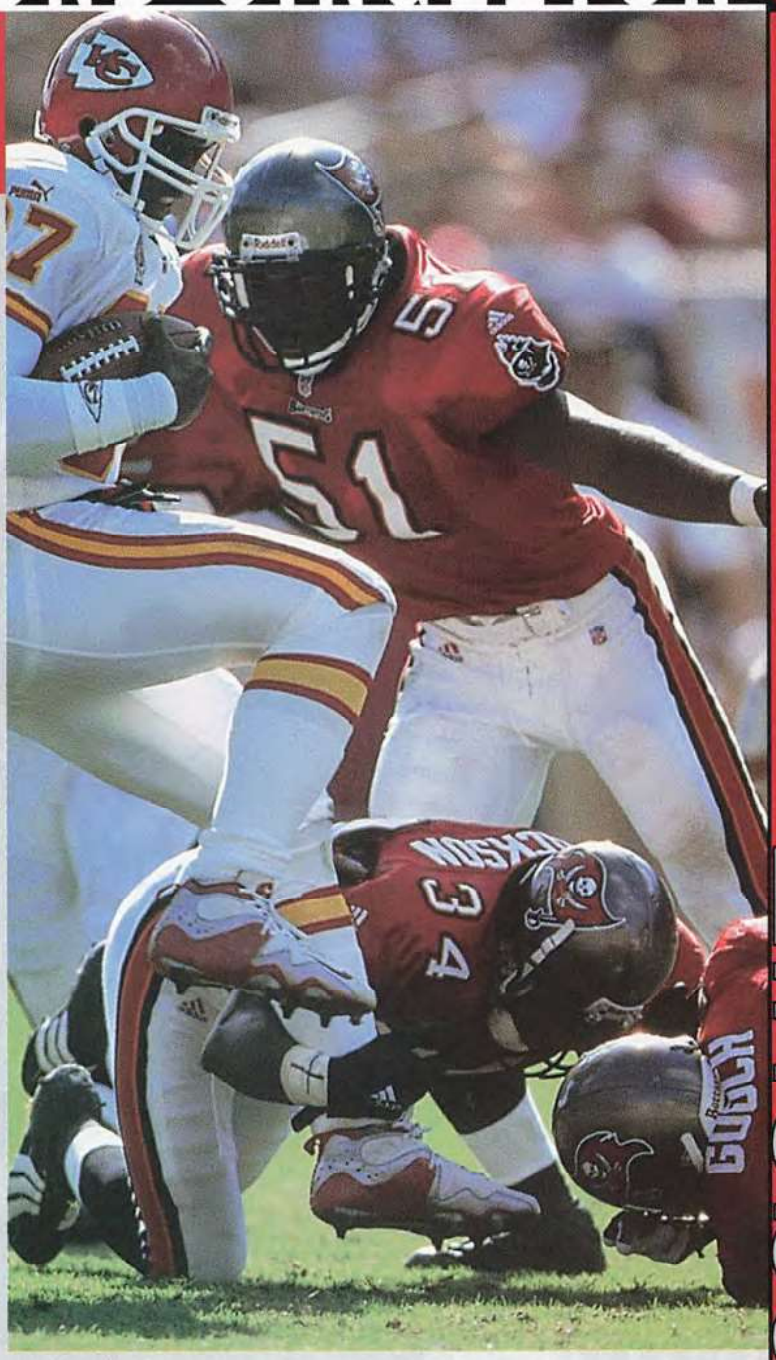
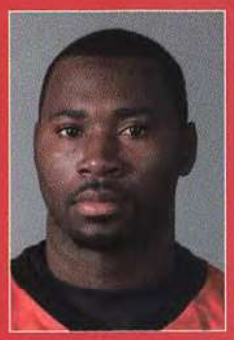
Al cradled his first career INT in Tampa Bay's 16-3 win at Seattle, one of five Bucs picks on the day.





HT: 6-2 WT: 228
NFL: 4th Year College: Temple

Quick, versatile LB who is coming off the best season of his young career...Shared strongside duties with Shelton Quarles, collecting career-high 26 tackles...Also a solid special teams player...Signed a three-year extension on January 25.

1999: Saw action in all 16 games...Posted career-highs in tackles (26) and special teams stops (10), while picking off his first career pass...Collected two tackles, two special teams stops and a pass defensed in win over Chicago (10/24)... Recorded two tackles and two special teams stops at New Orleans (11/7)...Recorded first INT of his career at Seattle (11/28)...Added career-best three tackles and a special teams stop... Posted three tackles at Oakland (12/19)...Had one tackle in divisional playoff win over Washington (1/15) before leaving the game with a left ankle fracture in the fourth quarter...Missed NFC Championship Game at St. Louis (1/23).

College/Personal: Finished career at Temple as Owls' third all-time leading tackler...Collected 390 tackles, along with five sacks and seven forced fumbles...Born 8/7/75 in Newark, New Jersey.

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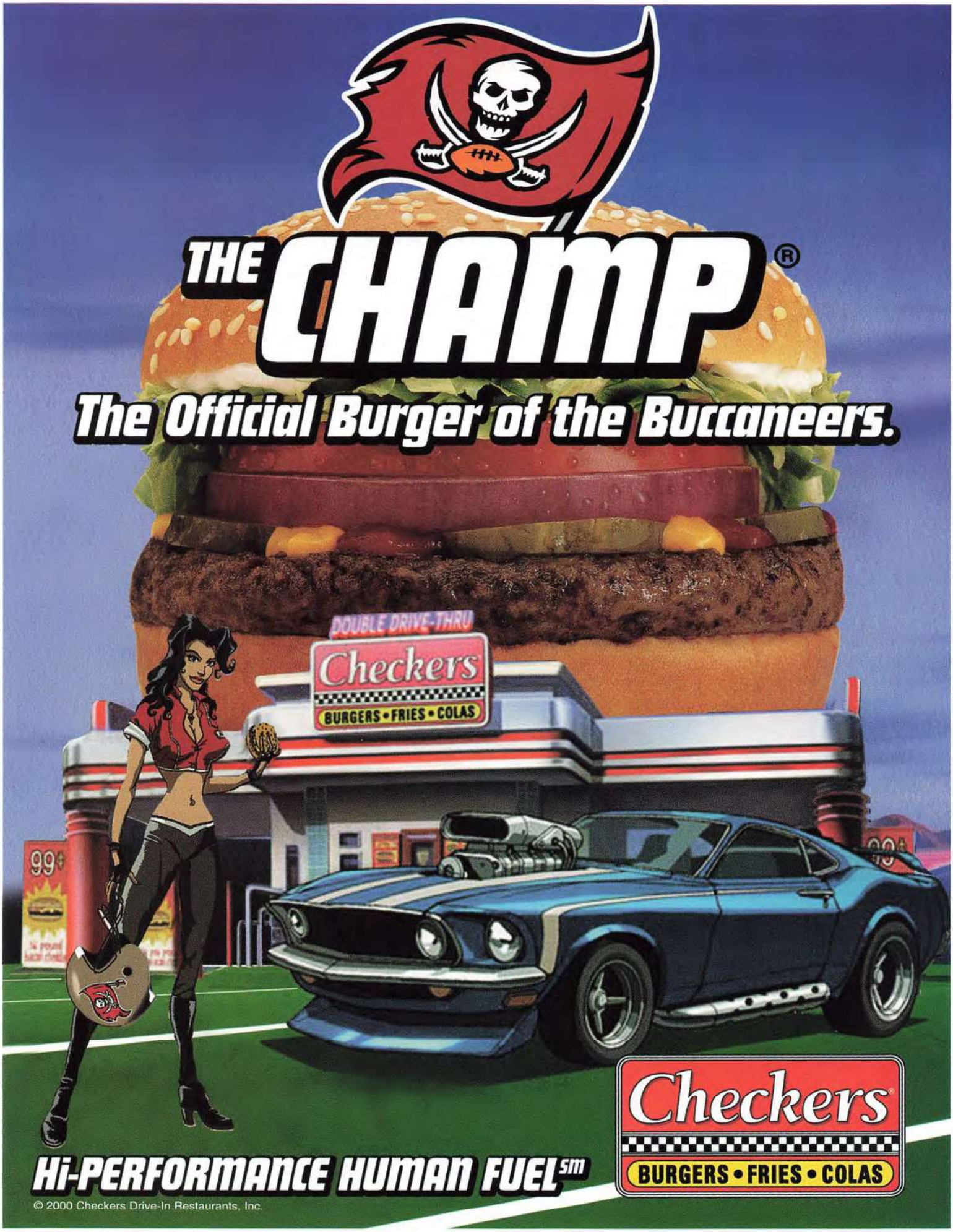
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BRIAN KELLY

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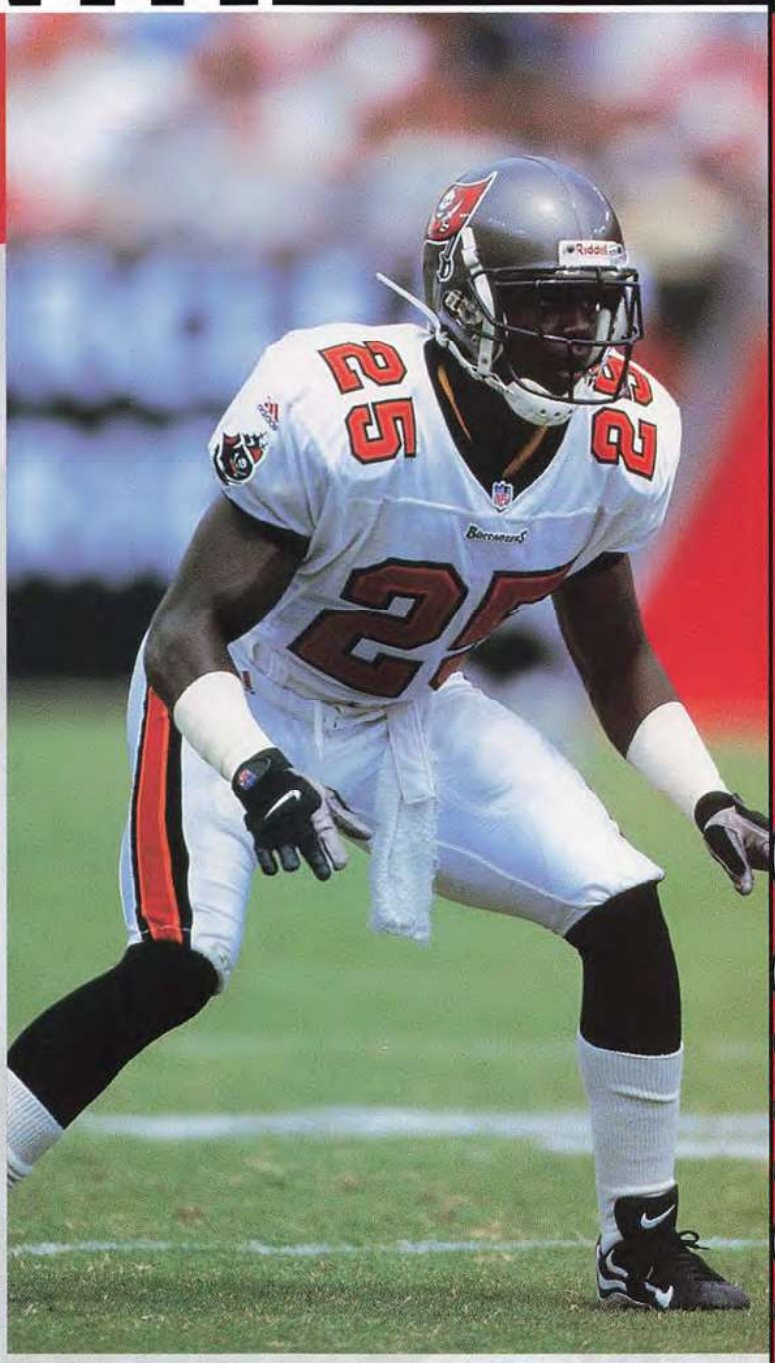
Brian picked off NFL MVP Kurt Warner in the second half of the NFC Championship Game at St. Louis.



HT: 5-11 WT: 193
NFL: 3rd Year College: USC

Young, strong, athletic corner who sees most of his action at nickel back...Established career-highs in tackles (42) and passes defensed (14) in his second NFL campaign, helping Tampa Bay rank second in the league in pass defense...Also sees action on special teams...Has not missed a game over his first two seasons...Lone rookie to play in every contest in 1998.

1999: Played in all 16 games, starting one at RCB...Collected career-high 42 tackles, a career-best 14 passes defensed and eight special teams tackles...Made three tackles and broke up two passes at New Orleans (11/7)...Started in place of Ronde Barber (shoulder, ankle) at RCB in 17-10 win over Kansas City (11/14)...Posted three tackles and one pass defensed...Notched season-best four stops and one pass break-up against Atlanta (11/21)...Broke up a career-best three passes, including one INT, in 16-3 win at Seattle (11/28)...Racked up a career-high nine tackles in Monday Night win over Minnesota (12/6)...Recorded four tackles in division-clinching win over Bears (1/2)...Had two tackles in divisional playoff win over Washington (1/15)...Picked off Kurt Warner in NFC Championship Game at St. Louis (1/23), returning the theft 15 yards into Rams territory.

College/Personal: Started four years at Southern California, finishing with 123 tackles, seven picks and 44 passes defensed...Born 1/14/76 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Cornerback

FLOYD YOUNG

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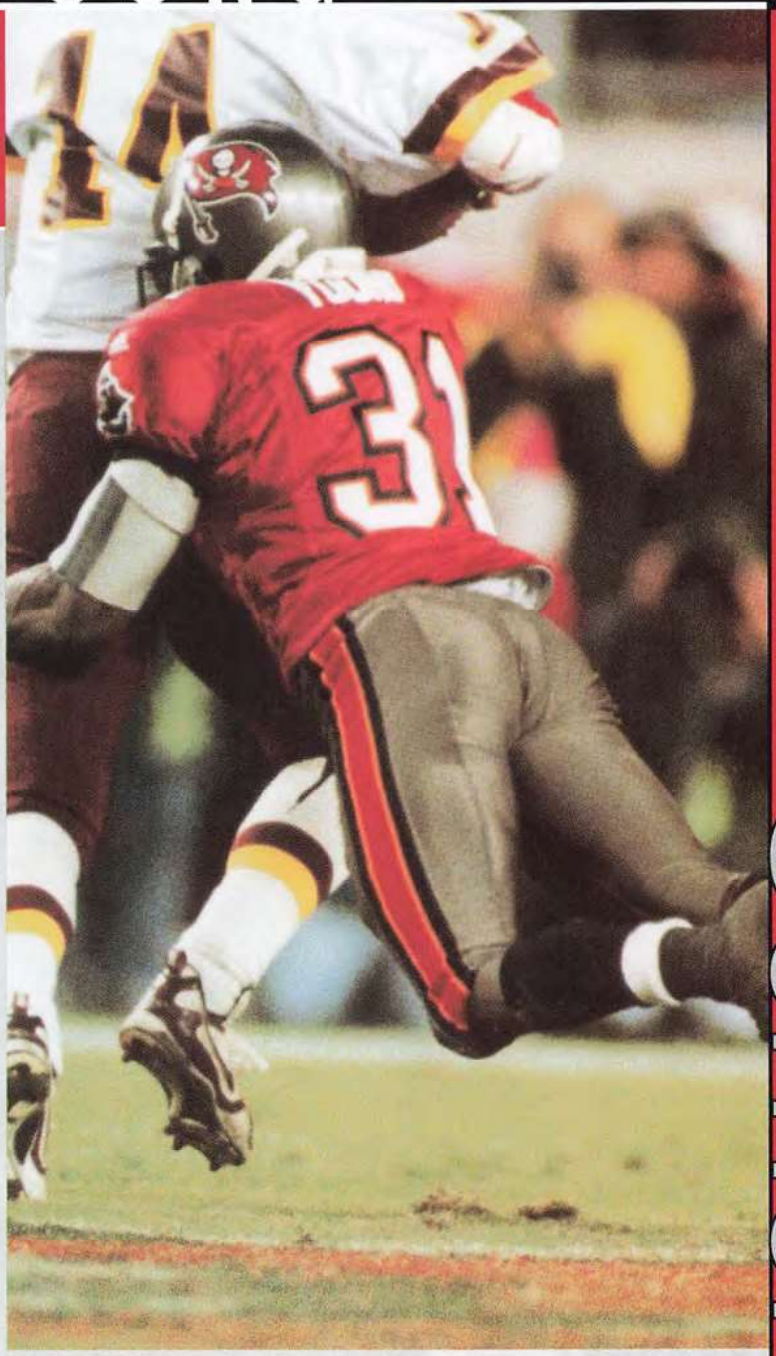
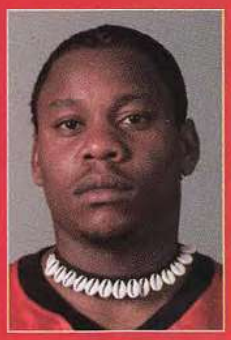
Floyd is looking to bounce back from an injury-plagued 1999 campaign, one in which he missed 10 games due to injury.





HT: 6-0 WT: 179
NFL: 4th Year
College: Texas A&M-Kingsville

Hard-hitting CB who has excelled in the nickel package while establishing himself as one of the better special teams performers in the league... Coming off an injury-plagued 1999 campaign...Has displayed intense work ethic since joining the club as a free agent in 1997.

1999: Played in six games plus both playoff contests, seeing action in nickel packages and on special teams...Missed all of preseason with a right hamstring injury...Had a season-high two special teams tackles at Philadelphia (9/19)...Suffered a right hamstring injury in practice before Week 3 contest against Denver (9/26), causing him to miss the next four weeks...Had two special teams stops and one tackle in the divisional playoff win over Washington (1/15)... Made game-saving special teams play, tackling holder Brad Johnson for a 10-yard loss on a botched 52-yard game winning FG attempt...Posted one special teams stop against Rams in NFC Championship Game (1/23).

College/Personal: Played two seasons and picked off six passes at Kingsville after transferring from Scottsdale Junior College...Has one son, Ostin...Born 11/23/75 in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Cornerback

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SHEVIN SMITH

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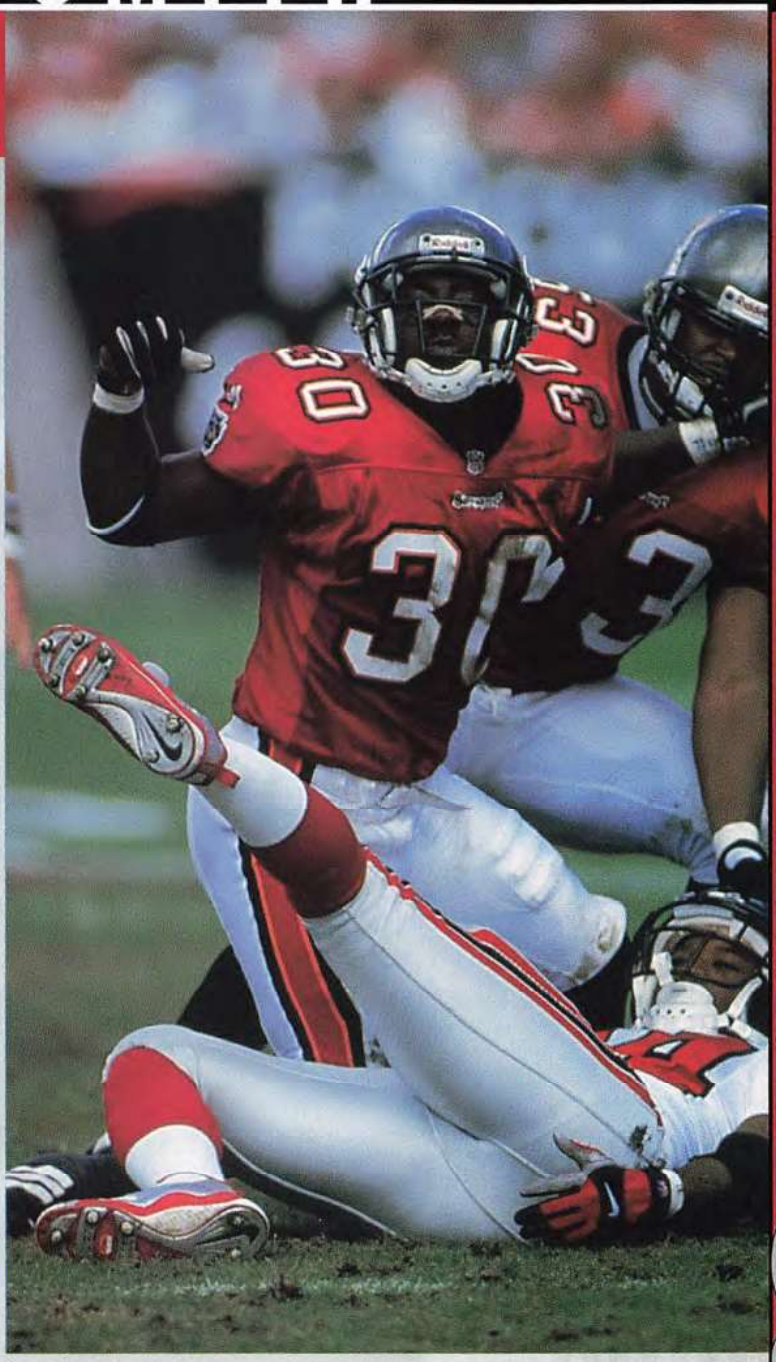
Shevin posted a career-best 13 tackles last season.



HT: 5-11 WT: 204
NFL: 3rd Year
College: Florida State

Energetic, aggressive FS that also excels on special teams...Showed versatility backing up at both free safety and strong safety last season...Knack for making impact plays...Former college walk-on that rose to team captain by his senior year...Earned a spot on the practice squad his rookie season before being elevated to the active roster.

1999: Played in all 16 games... Recorded a career-high 13 tackles and a career-best 18 special teams stops...Posted at least one special teams tackle in the first seven games of the season, including a team-high two stops against Denver (9/26)... Collected two tackles from the SS slot against Atlanta (11/21), adding one special teams stop...Replacing an injured Damien Robinson (hip) in the second quarter at Seattle (11/28), posting one tackle plus two special teams stops...Replaced an injured John Lynch (knee) at SS against Oakland (12/19) and posted a career-high five tackles and one special teams stop...Recorded two special teams tackles in a divisional playoff win over Washington (1/15).

College/Personal: Recorded 149 tackles and picked off nine passes in four seasons at FSU...Graduated with a degree in finance...Cousin of late Kansas City Chiefs standout Derrick Thomas...Born 6/17/75 in Miami, Florida.

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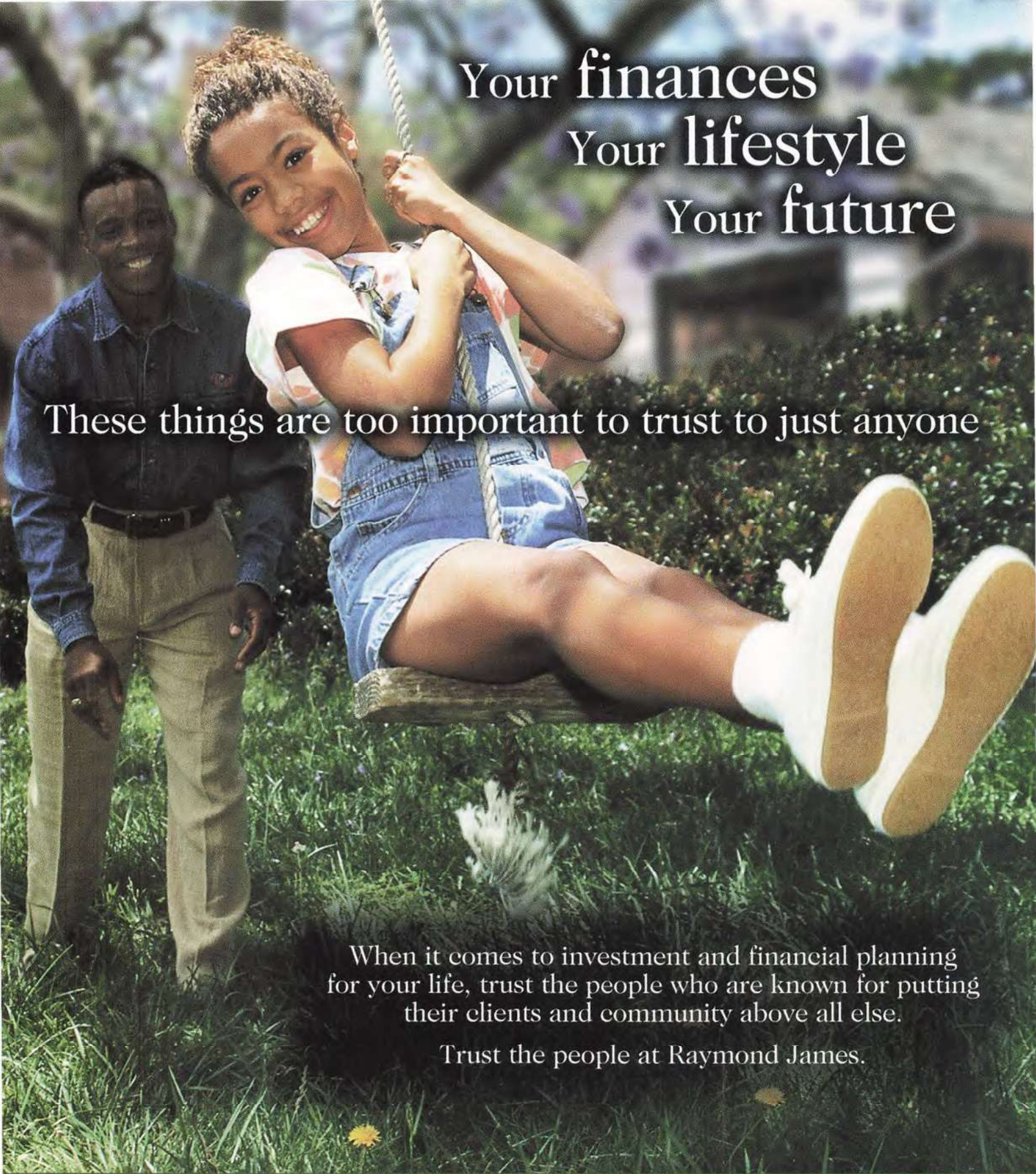
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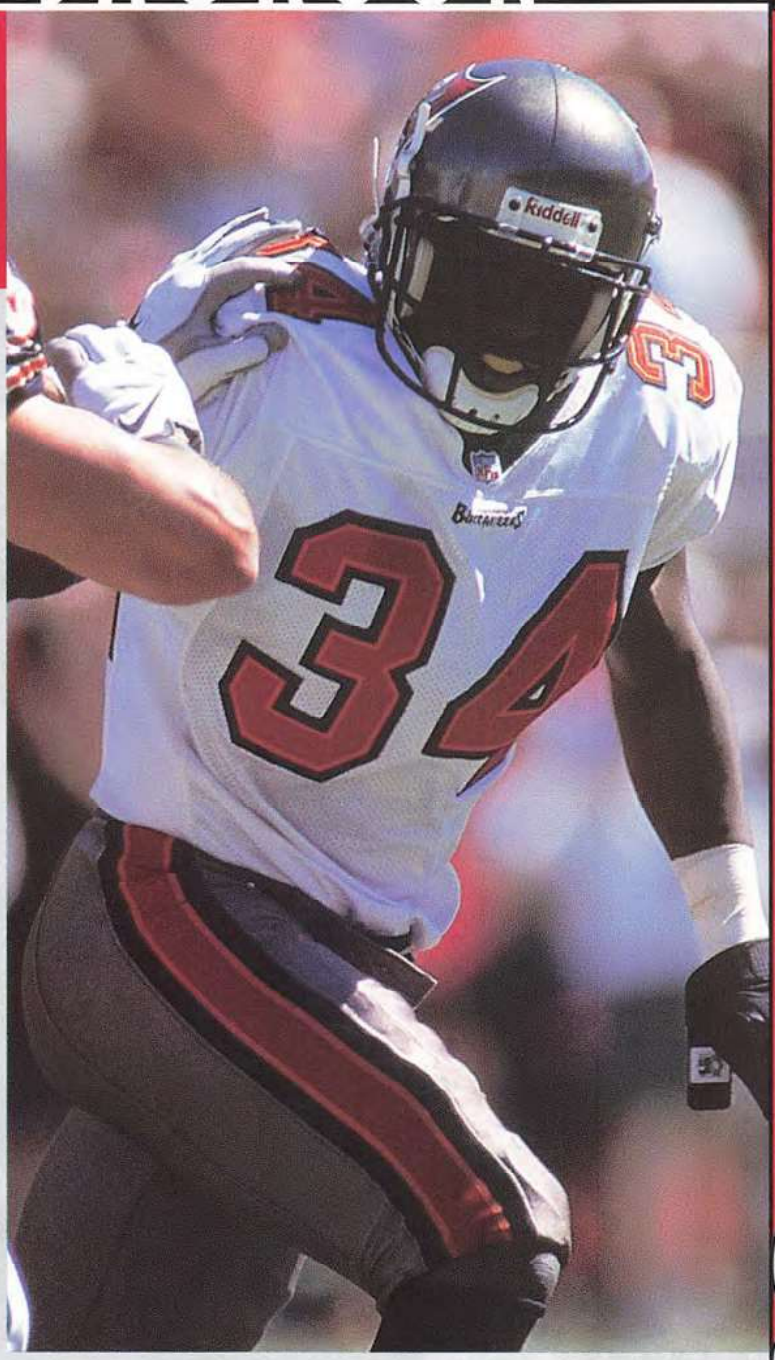

HT: 6-0 WT: 196
NFL: 2nd Year College: Florida State

Speedy DB who is coming off a productive rookie campaign...Reacts to the ball quickly...Solid contributor on special teams...Looks to net more playing time behind All-Pro SS John Lynch.

1999: Played in 12 games, primarily on special teams...Inactive for the other four contests...Finished fifth on the club with 17 special teams tackles...Made his NFL debut in 13-10 win over Denver (9/26)...Posted two special teams stops against Chicago (10/24) and at Detroit (10/31)... Downed two punts inside the 20 in win over Kansas City (11/14)...Made first career tackle at Oakland (12/19)...Inactive for divisional playoff versus Washington (1/15) but played on special teams in the NFC Championship Game at St. Louis (1/23).

College/Personal: Started two of four seasons at Florida State, amassing 194 tackles and seven INTs...Born 7/28/77 in Quincy, Florida.

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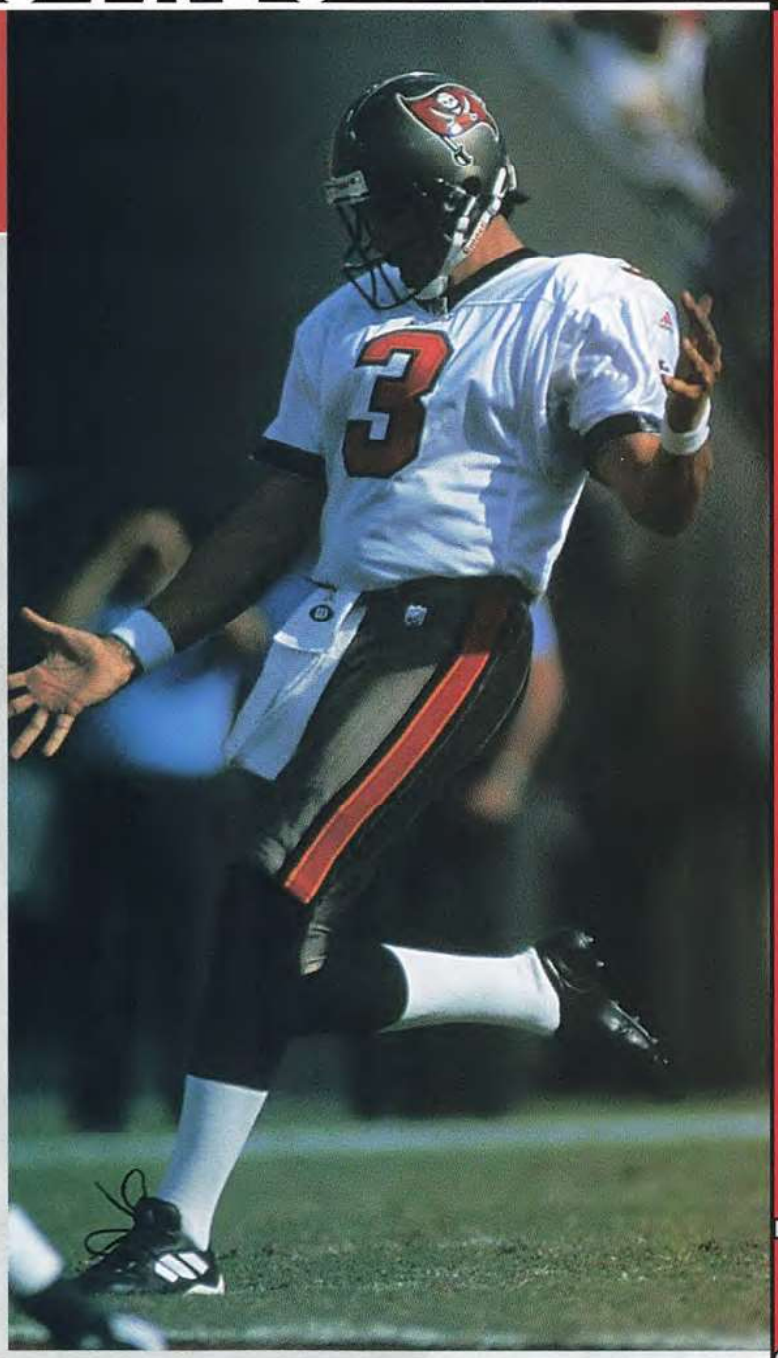


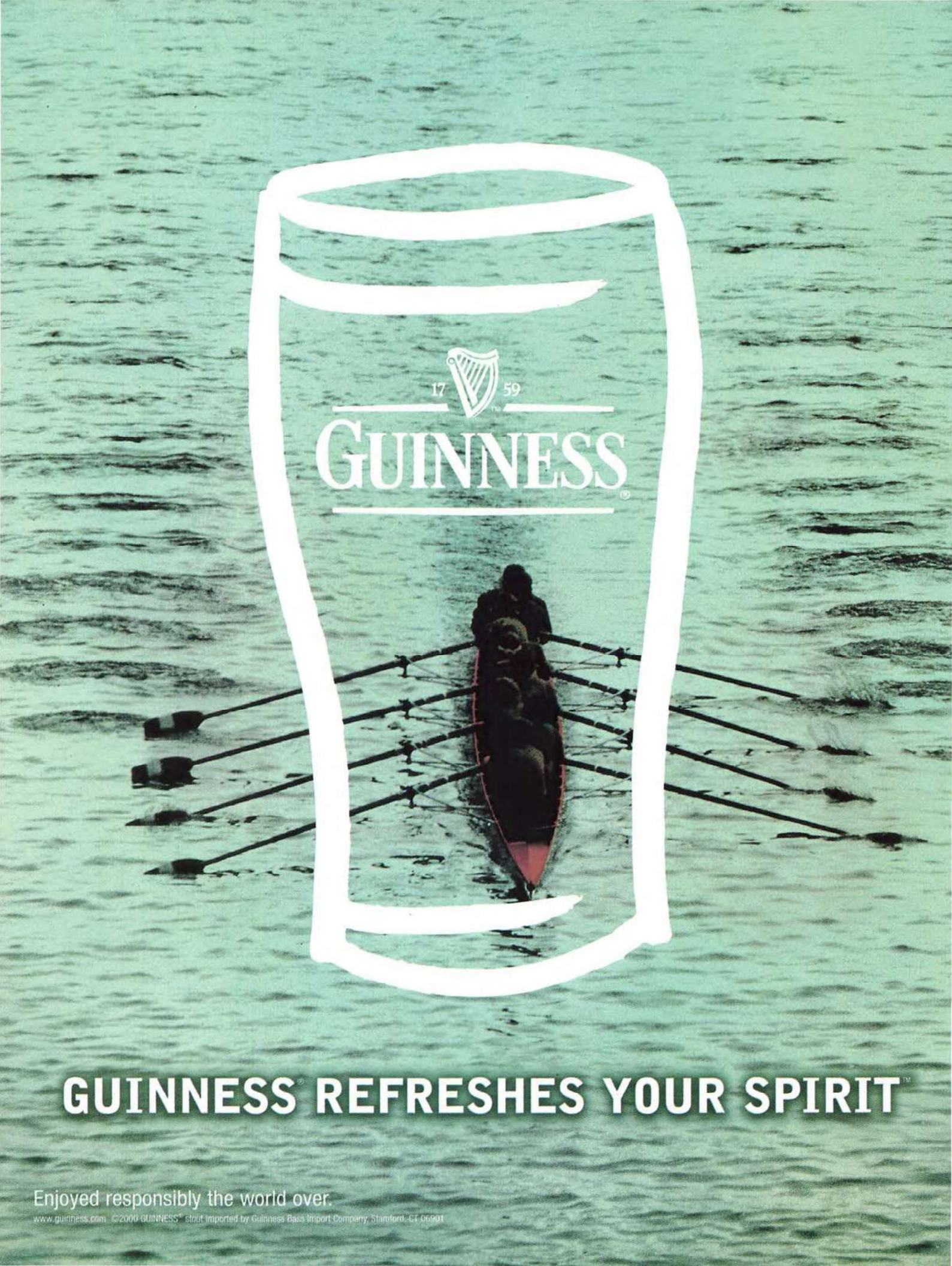
HT: 6-1 WT: 215
NFL: 12th Year
College: Appalachian State

Veteran punter who is coming off one of his best seasons...Averaged club-record 43.13 yards per kick...Also posted a net average of 37.4, ranking second in the NFC and well above the league net average of 35.3...Signed by the Bucs on 8/4/99 after being released by New Orleans...Signing marked second tour of duty with the Bucs...Also handled Tampa Bay's punting duties in 1990 and 1991.

1999: Played in all 16 games...Finished third in the NFC with a club-record gross average of 43.13 yards per kick...Ranked second in the NFC with a net average of 37.4...Net average fell just short of Barnhardt's club record of 37.8 (1996)...Pinned 23 punts inside the 20, falling one shy of Dan Stryzinski's single-season franchise record of 24 (1993)...Punted six times for a 45-yard average and pinned two punts inside the 20 against Denver (9/26)...Punted a season-high nine times for a 39.9-yard average in 16-3 victory at Seattle (11/28)...Completed a 17-yard pass to S Damien Robinson on a fake punt, setting up a FG against Packers (12/26)...Averaged 43.2 yards on six punts in swirling winds at Chicago (1/2), including season-long 66-yarder...Set a club playoff mark with 10 punts in divisional playoff win over Washington (1/15)...Placed three punts inside the 20 and averaged 41.8 yards per kick...Averaged 40.4 yards on five punts in NFC Championship Game at St. Louis (1/23)...Pinned the Rams inside the 20 on three occasions.

College/Personal: Left Appalachian State with six school records, averaging 42.0 yards over three seasons...Married to Kimberly, couple has a daughter, Brooke...Born 6/22/65 in Hampton, Virginia.

Punter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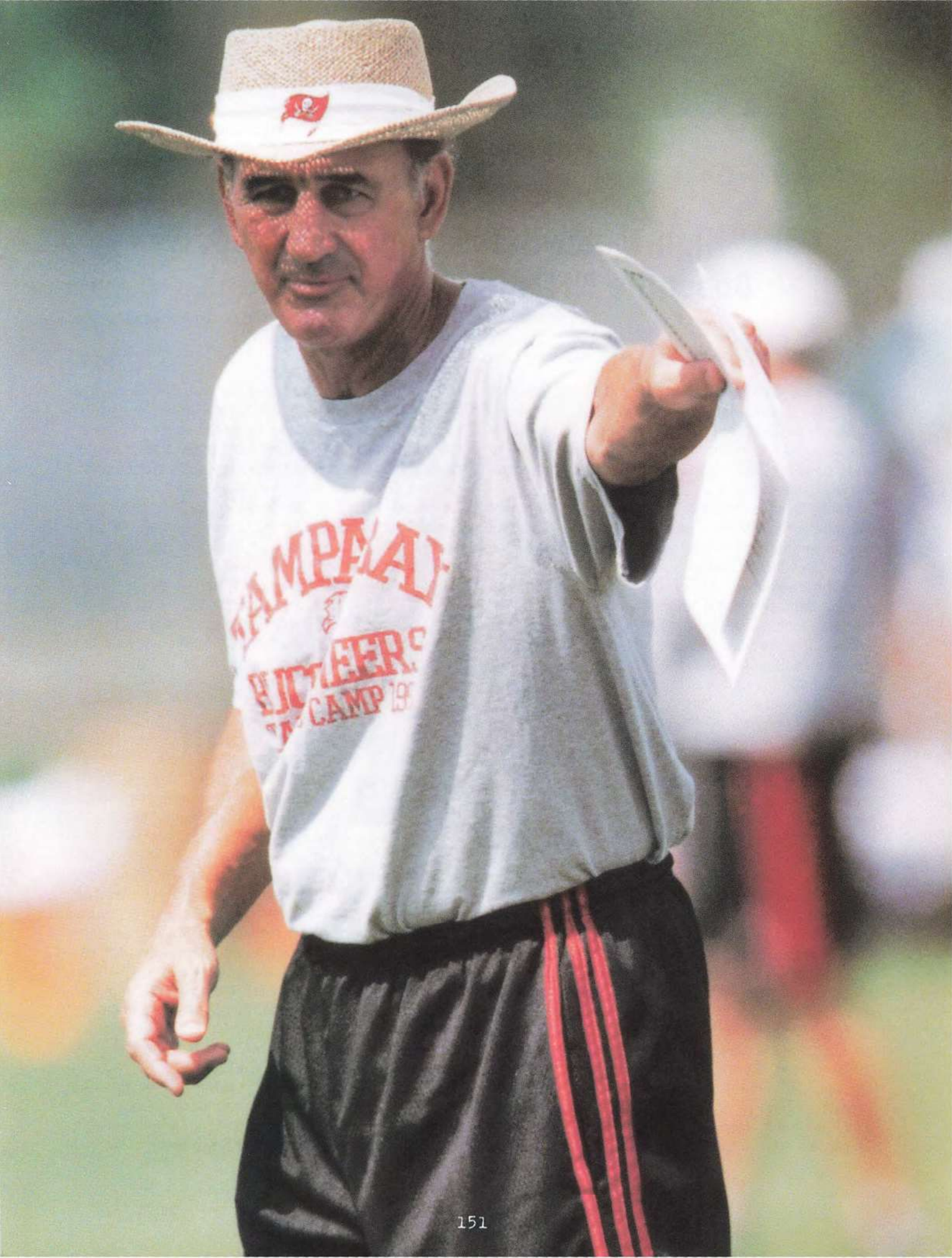
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The Full Monte

Bucs' High-Motor Defensive Coordinator Can Boast the NFL's Most Fearsome Unit

By Kyle Thomas

In the 1997 hit movie The Full Monty, six guys with nothing left to lose try losing their clothing for fun and profit. That's the big screen. But if you want the full Monte here in Tampa all you have to do is show up every Sunday during the fall and watch the Buccaneer defense.

That's because there are 11 guys that might not sacrifice any clothing, but will follow the orders of Buccaneers defensive coordinator Monte Kiffin all the way to the winner's circle.

Kiffin, arguably one of the most talented and unsung defensive coordinators in professional football, begins his fifth season as the architect of one of the National Football League's most feared units. During his four-year reign as the chief conductor of the attacking Buccaneer defense, Kiffin has led a steam-rolling express, the only defense in the league to rank in the top five each of the past three seasons. The most experienced assistant on the staff, Kiffin intertwines a variety of defenses, coverage disguises and ball-hawking schemes to confuse even the most savvy of offensive coordinators.

"He does it all," nose tackle Brad Culpepper says. "Monte's done a great job. He's come on and been able to express his defensive opinions. This is his defense. (Head coach) Tony (Dungy) is a former defensive coordinator, but it's Monte's defense, make no mistake.

"I think he's not getting the recognition he deserves."

That recognition is starting to surface with the stellar success the Buccaneer defense had during the 1999 season. During the regular season, the Bucs allowed just three 100-yard rushers and held opponents to a club record-low 52.7 completion percentage. The Bucs finished the 1999 campaign ranked first in the NFC in total defense and passing defense, clocking in at second against the run. The Bucs also ranked third in the league in total defense — fifth against the run and second against the pass. It marked the third consecutive season that the Bucs were among the league's top three defensive units. DT Warren Sapp led the team with 12½ sacks and was named NFL Defensive Player of the Year in 1999. LB Derrick Brooks continued his dominance by roaming the field and collecting a season-best 180 tackles, while CB Donnie Abraham led the NFC with seven INTs. Each of those performances were due in part to Kiffin's complex defensive scheme. That scheme was never more evident than in the NFC Championship Game against the eventual Super Bowl champion St. Louis Rams.

> "I'm not ever going to retire," Kiffin says. "And I love my family, you know. That's all I love. They're going to have to get rid of me. I don't know what I'd do? I just love it."

Kiffin's troops held the top-ranked Rams offense to one TD and one FG. St. Louis averaged 33 points a game during the regular season and was fresh off a 47-point showing in its divisional playoff win over Minnesota. Rams RB Marshall Faulk, the league's Offensive Player of the year, was limited to 44 yards on 17 carries. DE Steve White, LB Hardy Nickerson and CB Brian Kelly each picked off NFL Most Valuable Player Kurt Warner, who threw five TDs against the Vikings and 41 during the regular season. After racking up 7.8 yards per play versus Minnesota, the Rams could muster just 4.8 yards per play against the swarming Bucs.

"The way they play defense, it's hard to get a read," Warner said after the game. "They change things up, so you've got to work it down the field. It seemed like everywhere I wanted to throw, they had a lot of guys around and they were all over us."

Kiffin believes the 1999 defensive squad was something that doesn't come around very often.

"That squad was something to watch, they were always in sync with one another," Kiffin says. "We had

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some great leaders on that team, all the way from the front of the defense to the back of the defense. Those guys were the guys that made me look good. Sometimes I felt like I could just sit back and watch them go at it, that really fires me up on Sundays when I see a defense go at it like those guys did."

Kiffin knows a thing or two about good defenses. Before he came to Tampa Bay he spent the 1995 campaign as the defensive coordinator for the New Orleans Saints. In 1995, the Saints tied for fourth in the NFL in sacks with 44. Just prior to coaching in New Orleans, Kiffin spent four seasons (1991-94) as an assistant coach for the Minnesota Vikings, serving as defensive coordinator for Jerry Burns in 1991 and as inside linebackers coach under Dennis Green. During that tenure in Minnesota, the Vikings led the league in both total defense and run defense in 1994.

In 1990, Kiffin tutored the linebackers for the New York Jets. Kiffin had his first tour of duty with the Vikings as the teams' linebackers coach from 1986-89. In both 1988 (255.7, 4.3) and 1989 (261.5, 4.1), Minnesota was the league leader in both total defense and yards allowed per play.

Kiffin was the head coach at North Carolina State from 1980-82 after serving as defensive coordinator for Lou Holtz at Arkansas while also serving as assistant head coach. Arkansas led the nation in scoring defense in 1977 under Kiffin's tutelage. He began his coaching career at the University of Nebraska where he worked from 1966-76 under both Bob Devaney and Tom Osborne. Kiffin directed a Cornhuskers defense that led Nebraska to consecutive national championships in 1970-71.

"I've had a good time with all the places I've been at," Kiffin says. "I think in each instance I have learned a lot about the game of football and about myself. I think that helps me now with this group, anytime you get in a situation and learn from it, you can pass it along and try to do some good things with those experiences."

While in Minnesota, Kiffin grew to admire a certain defensive coordinator named Tony Dungy that has helped him get to Tampa Bay.

"We have a great relationship, we might have different personalities but I think that plays into what we both are tying to do," Kiffin says. "Our communication is probably the best thing about our relationship, him being the head coach you have to understand he has a lot of other responsibilities he has to tend to. So if he doesn't have the time to get to certain things around here he'll let me know, and I'll let him know what is going on if he's not there."

Yet Dungy is generally considered the architect of the Bucs defense, even though Kiffin drafted the blueprint.

"I really don't worry about that and I knew it when I took the job," Kiffin says. "I talked to Mike Shanahan when he went to the Raiders and talked to him again when he went to the Broncos. Mike even brought that up. He said, 'You get a lot of the credit if we have success because I'm an offensive-minded coach.' I heard that when I came with Tony, but that didn't bother me. You can't work for a better guy. Our relationship is really special."

That special relationship has blossomed into two playoff berths in the last three seasons with Dungy and Kiffin leading the charge. The Bucs have learned to appreciate the full Monte — the stork-like walk and his gray hair askew "like one of those troll dolls," as Culpepper describes it. In defensive meetings, Kiffin is known to get so excitably tongue-tied that he sounds like a record played backward.

"Sometimes he sounds like he's speaking in tongues," Culpepper says. "He stutters — extremely. But I've been around him so long. Of course, Sapp and I sit in the back and make fun of him. He knows it. A lot of times, he starts talking to the DBs and linebackers and we won't pay attention. He'll come in our meeting sometimes and say, 'You, you, you can't be disrupting. You, I, you, I know you guys know I'm not talking directly to you. But you're messing everybody up.' Once or twice a year he comes in and complains to Sapp and me for not paying attention to him.

"He's classic for messing up guys' names. He called (Philadelphia RB) Duce Staley 'Bruce' all week. When we played Miami, he always calls Kevin Gogan, that Grogan guy. He's going to try and cut you.' He and (defensive line coach) Rod Marinelli come from the school of no spelling and assuming names. We always say that he may not be able to spell Favre, but he'll find a way to stop him."

And that is Kiffin's job, always has been. Coaching is all Kiffin ever wanted to do, from the time he was a two-way player at the University of Nebraska and coached American Legion baseball at his home in Lexington, Nebraska, during the summer. He admits he has never pondered another life.

"I'm not ever going to retire," Kiffin says. "And I love my family, you know. That's all I love. They're going to have to get rid of me. I don't know what I'd do? I just love it."

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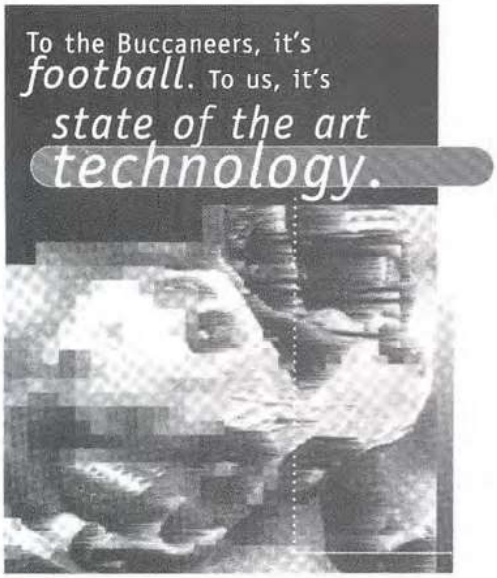

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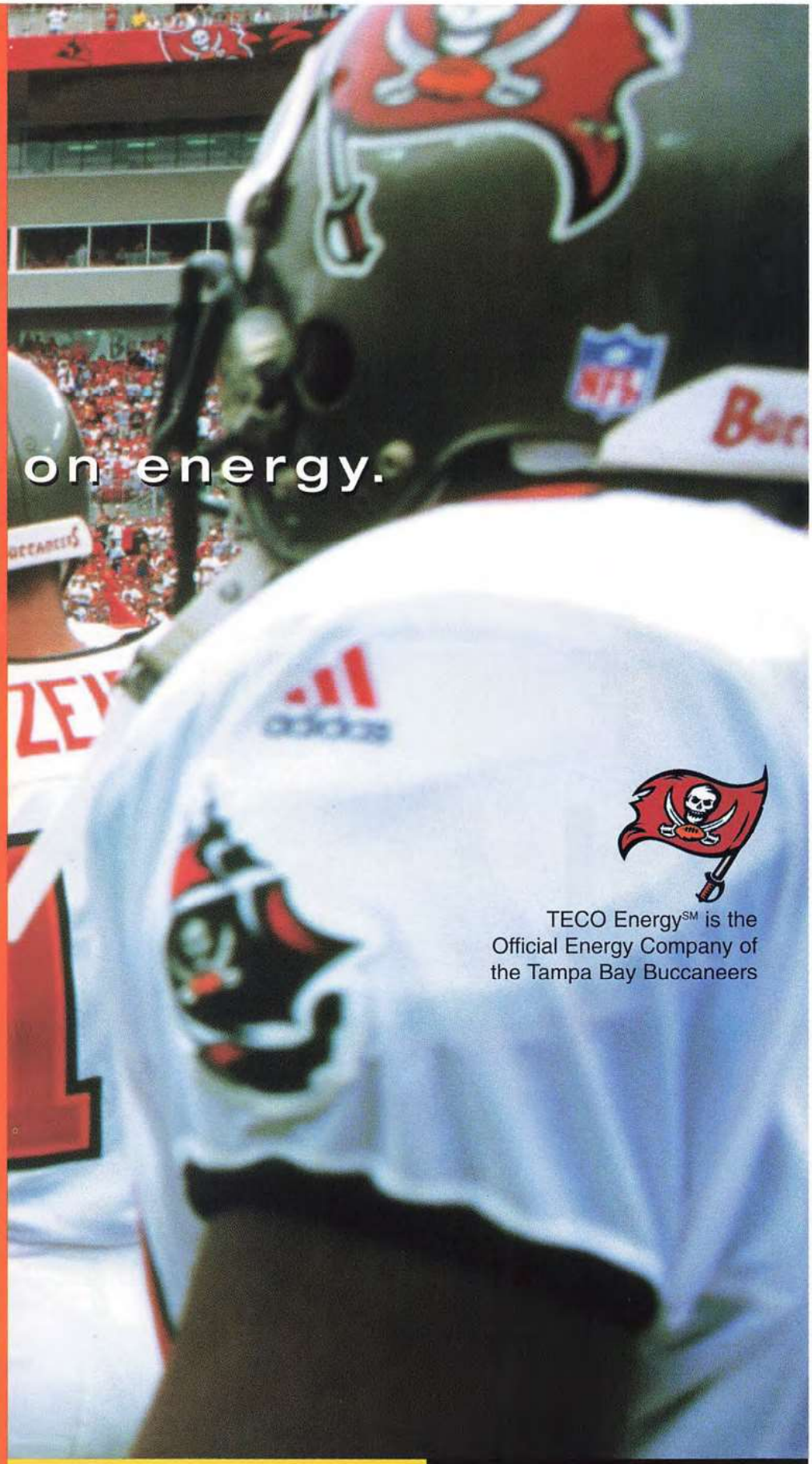

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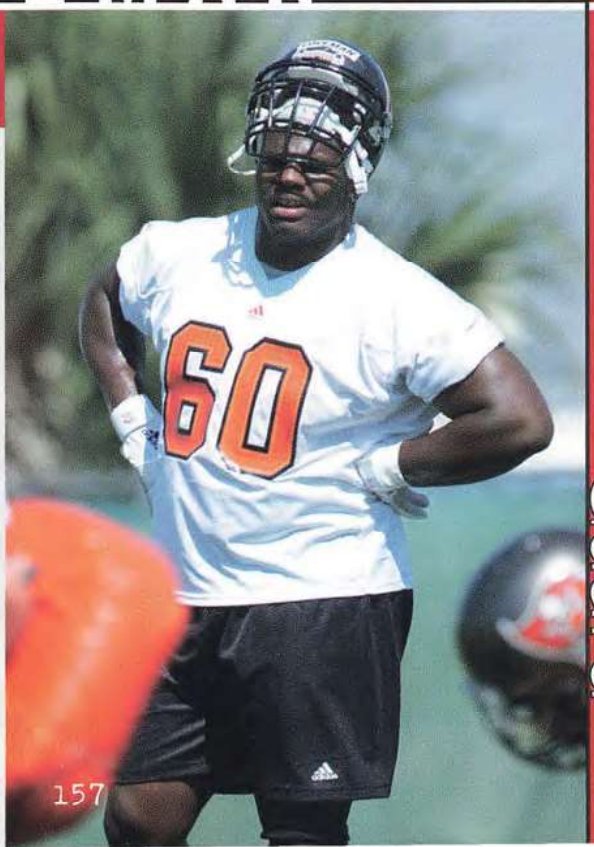
3	90	Nate Webster	LB	5-11	225	11/29/77	Miami (FL)
5	157	James Whalen, Jr.	TE	6-2	228	12/11/77	Kentucky
6	193	David Gibson	S	6-1	210	11/5/77	USC
7	234	Joe Hamilton	QB	5-10	190	3/3/77	Georgia Tech

COSEY COLEMAN 60

HT: 6-4 WT: 322 College: Tennessee



Guard

College: Massive and athletic offensive line prospect who garnered first-team All-America honors after outstanding junior season at Tennessee...Tampa Bay's highest drafted offensive lineman since T Jerry Wunsch was selected in the second round (37th overall) in 1997...Earned All-SEC honors during junior and senior seasons...Can pull and adjust well once the ball is snapped...Started 35 games over three seasons, including 30 consecutive games at RG...Helped UT backs rush for 200-plus yards 11 times...Helped Vols to 1998 national title.

Personal: Earned *USA Today* All-America honors at DeKalb High School in Clarkston, Georgia... Four-year starter at T and three-year starter at DT...Two-time all-state performer who graded out at 86 percent for blocking consistency...Also produced 86 tackles and three forced fumbles as a senior DT... Also lettered in basketball...Born October 27, 1978 in Clarkston, Georgia.

NATE WEBSTER

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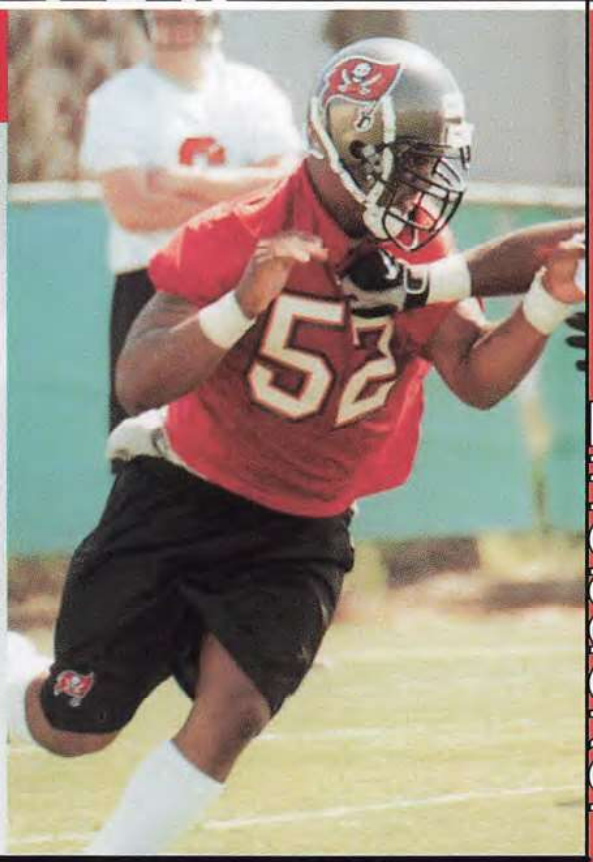
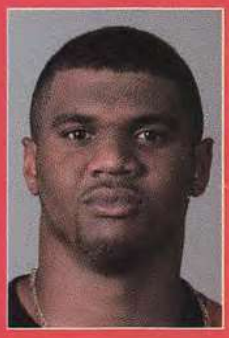
HT: 5-11 WT: 225 College: Miami (FL)





Linebacker

College: Aggressive and productive playmaker who will provide additional depth at LB...Tenacious defender with outstanding instincts in the open field...Earned second-team All-America honors last season from Associated Press...Two-time All-Big East selection who amassed 301 tackles (178 solo), 14 tackles for losses and seven sacks in just 22 starts...Recorded consecutive 100-tackle campaigns his sophomore and junior seasons...Entered the draft after his junior campaign.

Personal: Lettered four years at Miami's Northwestern High School, where he earned *Parade* first-team All-America honors and second-team *USA Today* All-America honors as a senior...Also earned all-state and All-Southeast honors...First-team All-Dade County selection...Led Northwestern to the state 6A championship, totaling 187 tackles (34 for losses), 12 sacks, 20 forced fumbles and five fumble recoveries... Averaged 130 tackles per season...First cousin of New Orleans Saints running back Troy Davis...Born November 29, 1977 in Miami, Florida.

JAMES WHALEN, JR.

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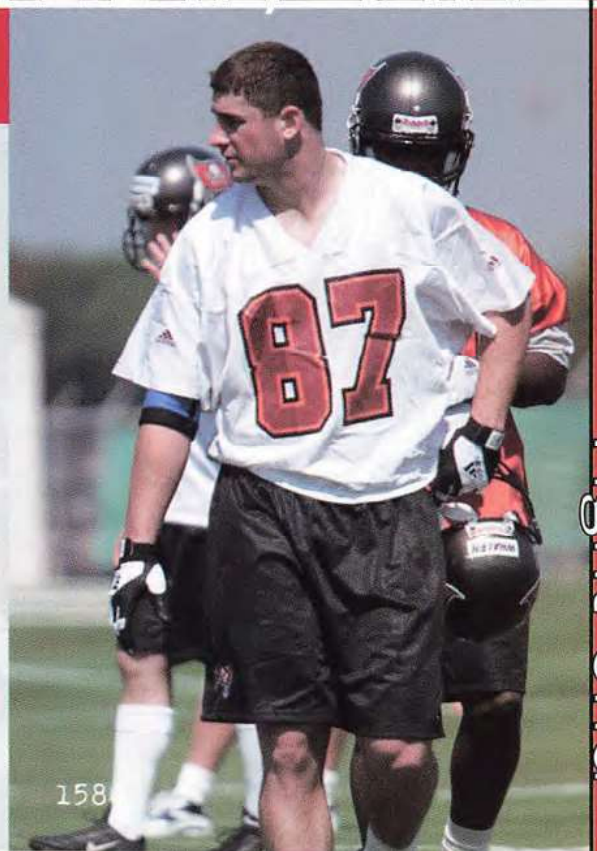
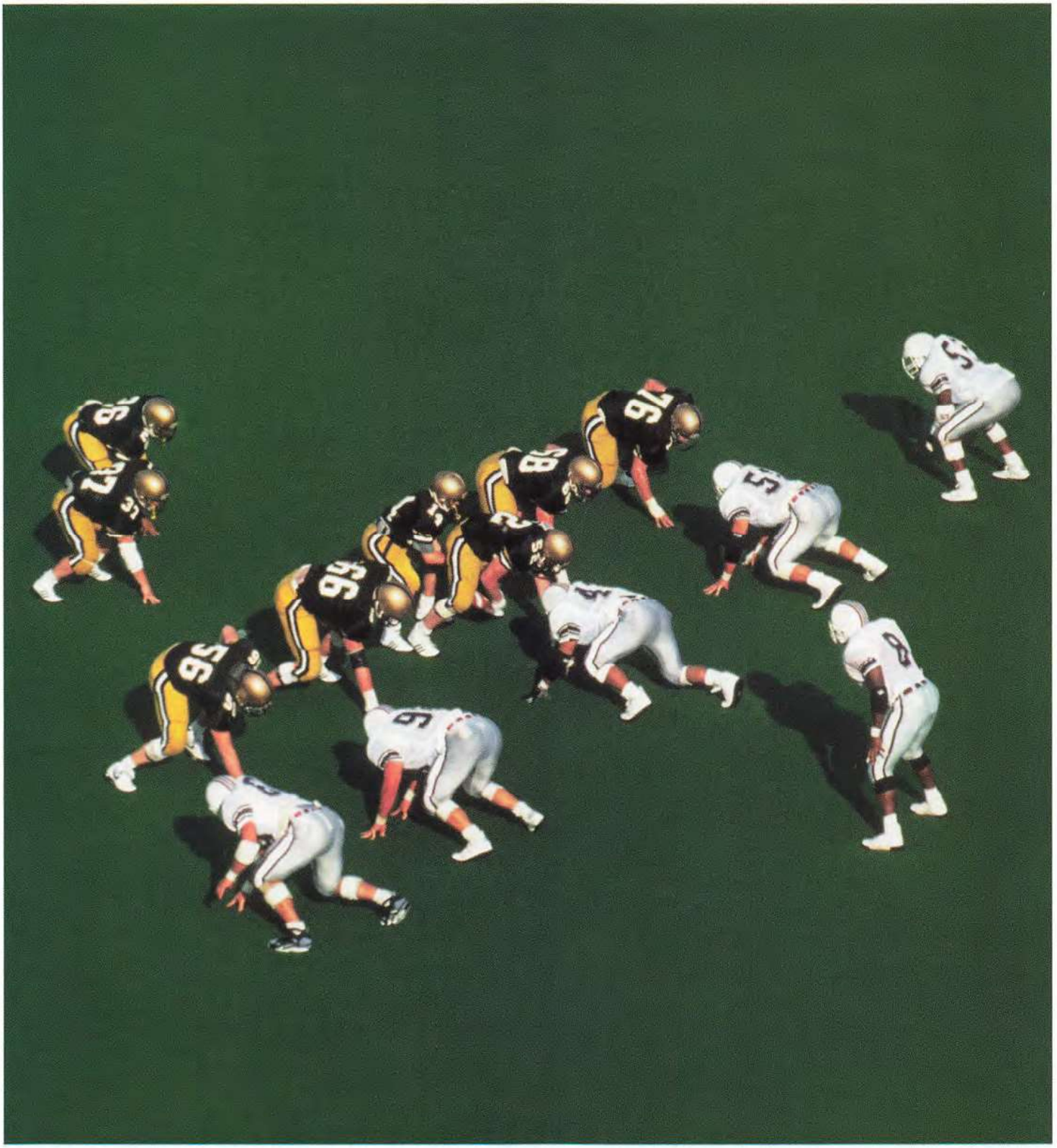
HT: 6-2 WT: 228 College: Kentucky



Tight end

College: Excellent pass-catching target at UK who established an NCAA single-season record for receptions by a TE (90) last season...Possesses good feel for reading coverages and finding holes in the middle of the field...Turns upfield quickly and is tough to haul down...Named to the Football Writers and Walter Camp All-America teams...Boasted three-year totals of 120 receptions for 1,324 yards and 13 TDs...Played freshman season at Shasta Junior College in Redding, Calif.

Personal: Four-year letterman and three-year starter at LaSalle High School in Portland, Oregon... Snagged 68 passes for 1,502 yards and 18 TDs as a senior...Selected first-team all-state and was Tri-Valley League Player of the Year...Led LaSalle to the league championship...Nominated for a national scholar-athlete award...Born December 11, 1977, in Portland, Oregon.



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DAVID GIBSON

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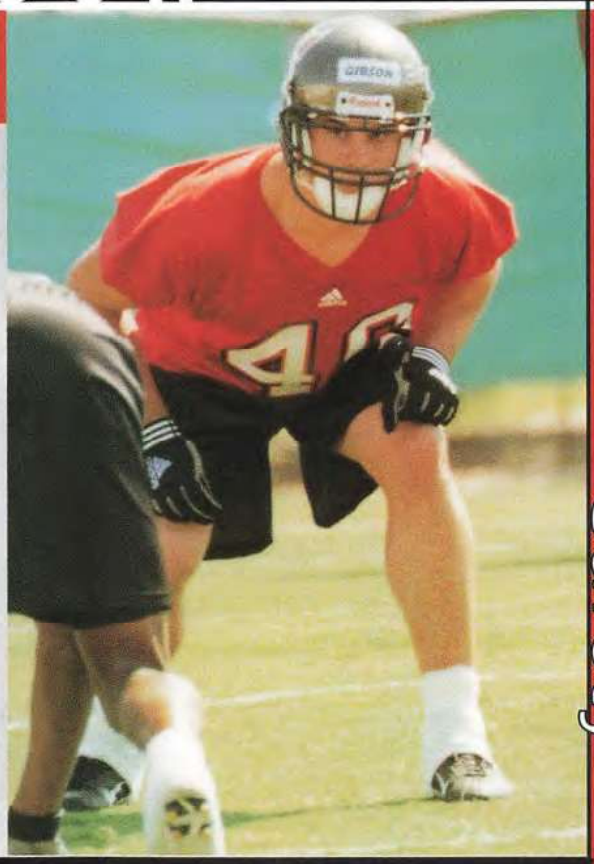

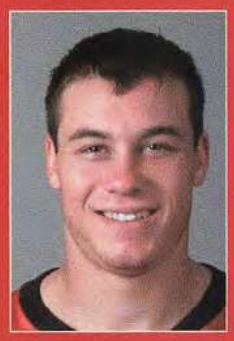

Safety

College: Hard-hitting, ball-hawking defender who lined up at LB and S during collegiate career...All-Pac-10 performer who shifted to SS as a senior after playing the previous two seasons at LB...Racked up 241 tackles over four seasons...Instinctive tackler who possesses good size for the S slot...Should also contribute on special teams...Originally started freshman year at SS.

Personal: Named to the Los Angeles Times and Orange County Register All-Orange County second-team at Mater Dei High School in Santa Ana, California ... Selected to the Super Prep All-Far West, Bluechip All-Western and Long Beach Press-Telegram honorable mention teams...As a junior, helped Mater Dei finish as the nation's top-ranked team...Posted 161 tackles and three INTs in two seasons...Born November 5, 1977, in Santa Ana, California.

JOE HAMILTON

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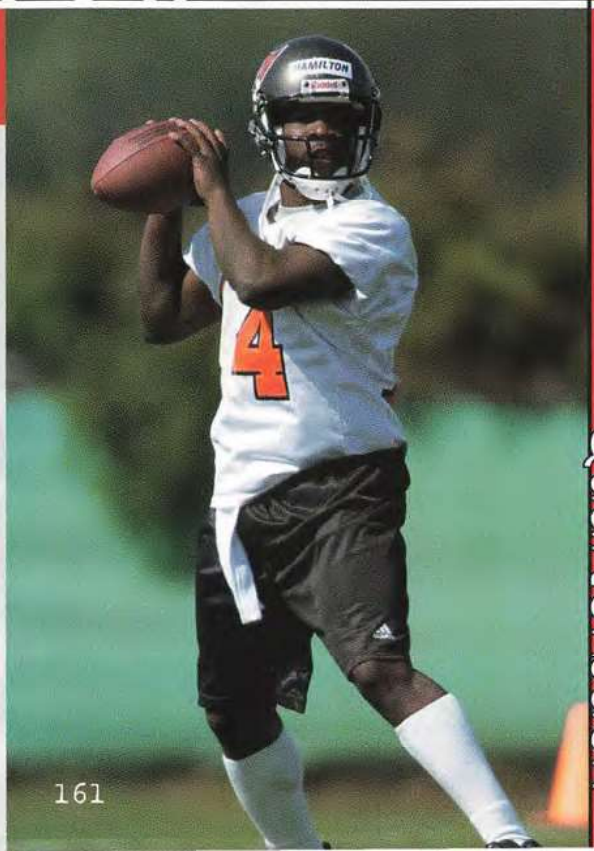

Quarterback

College: The most decorated college signal-caller in the NCAA last year...Finished second to Wisconsin's Ron Dayne in the Heisman Trophy balloting...Won the Davey O'Brien Award...Four-year starter and two-time All-ACC selection...Durable passer with a quick release and an accurate arm...Guided the Yellow Jackets to three consecutive bowl berths for the first time since the 1970-72 seasons...Holds school and ACC career records with 10,640 yards in total offense, 83 TDs, 65 TD passes and a 148.2 passer efficiency rating...Became the first player in NCAA Division I-A history to top 10,000 total yards with 1,500 rushing yards.

Personal: Named South Carolina Prep Player of the Year at Macedonia High School in Alvin, South Carolina... Four-year letterman and three-time team captain who completed 340 of 639 passes for 5,425 yards and 67 TDs... Added 1,858 rushing yards on 374 carries and 32 TDs...Twice earned all-state honors as a point guard in basketball...Born March 3, 1977 in Alvin, South Carolina.

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The Glazer Family Foundation is dedicated to developing ways to assist charitable and educational causes -- focusing primarily on youth -- in the Greater Tampa Bay and Central Florida region. The Glazer Family Foundation will work with established not-for-profit organizations to help identify and create programs that advocate positive social development in our communities. More information about The Glazer Family Foundation can be found on the internet at www.glazerfamilyfoundation.com.

Grant Program

Twice a year, the Foundation focuses on youth and families in the areas of general health, safety, education and recreation by awarding grants to organizations in the Greater Tampa Bay and Central Florida areas. Grant proposals are accepted April 1 to May 15, 2000 and September 15 to October 31, 2000. Applications may be downloaded from: www.glazerfamilyfoundation.com

"Cheering You On"

A program that provides all pediatric patients admitted to Tampa Bay area and Orlando children's hospitals with a Tampa Bay Buccaneers stuffed teddy bear and activity book. The Foundation plans on distributing approximately 33,000 teddy bears throughout the year.

Gameday Guest Seats

During the 1999 NFL season, the Foundation hosted over 1,000 youth from more than 25 community organizations in the Greater Tampa Bay and Central Florida region. The youth were chosen based on incentive programs, good behavior and academic performance.

Sports Commission

Buccaneers owner Malcolm Glazer continues to follow through on his commitment to donate up to $2 million over a 30-year period to the Tampa Bay Sports Commission, an organization which promotes the development of amateur sports in Hillsborough and Pinellas counties. The $90,000 contribution for the Buccaneer victories in 1999 brings the total amount donated to $240,000.

Vision Screening

Featured on Channel 13's What's Right with Tampa Bay segment, the Glazer Family Foundation paid for the vision testing of 2,700 Head Start children in Hillsborough County. Prevent Blindness Florida conducted the screenings.

License Plates

By purchasing a Tampa Bay Buccaneers license tag, a portion of the $25 annual fee is donated to youth charities designated by each professional sports team. In 1999, the Florida Sports Foundation contributed $34,830 to the Foundation through the sale of Buccaneers plates.

Executive Director

Veronica "Roni" Costello

Veronica S. Costello was one of the first senior executive staff members hired by the Glazer family during the reconstruction of the Buccaneers front office in 1996.

As Executive Director of the Foundation, she is responsible for all aspects of the Foundation including its business plan, budget, contributions public relations and special events. Costello created and launched bi-annual grants program and devised other signature Foundation programs. She also oversees the Foundation website and works on various ownership projects.

Prior to running the Foundation, Costello was Vice President of Sales Administration, overseeing the team's general, club and luxury suite sales. Before joining the Buccaneers, she worked with Tucker/Hall, focusing on corporate positioning, issue management and community relations. Prior to that, she was the Director of Public Affairs for Hill and Knowlton, Florida.

Her extensive government experience includes Central Florida District Assistant to U.S. Senator Bob Graham and eight years working with the Florida Legislature in Tallahassee.

Costello, a Florida native, is a graduate of Florida State University. She serves on the Advisory Board of the Tampa Bay Sports Commission and is a member of the Council on Foundations, Florida Funders Group and Leadership Tampa Alumni. Born 5/5/56, Costello and her husband Harry, live in Tampa.

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Bucs in the Community

The Tampa Bay Buccaneers owners, players, coaches and staff members support a variety of community programs. During the 1999 football season, members from all areas of the Buccaneer organization donated significant amounts of time and funding to established charities, and several created their own philanthropic programs. The following is just a sample of the many community programs the Buccaneers have supported over the past year:

◆ Over the years, RB Warrick Dunn has helped 16 single-mother families become first-time homeowners through his annual "Homes for the Holidays" program. In 1999, Dunn made the down payments on new homes for three Baton Rouge, Louisiana families two days before Thanksgiving, and did the same for two single-mother families in the Tampa Bay area the week before Christmas. Dunn filled each house with such necessities as furniture for every room, washer and dryer, kitchen appliances and lawn mowers. He also stocked each kitchen with food, all in time for the holidays.

Tackle Jerry Wunsch and young cancer patient Kyle Coughlin take a ride on a dog sled during "Jerry's Journey."

◆ During his third annual "Jerry's Journey," T Jerry Wunsch accompanied a group of pediatric cancer patients on a five-day ski trip to his hometown of Wausau, Wisconsin. Wunsch's trip involved bringing together young cancer patients from Tampa's Children's Cancer Center, Orlando's Arnold Palmer Hospital for Children and Women, Atlanta's Camp Sunshine and the Wausau Hospital Cancer Center for a carefree ski weekend. To kick off the journey, the children from all four cities converged at Lambeau Field in Green Bay, Wisconsin for a tour of the famed facility. They then traveled to Wausau, where they engaged in such activities as cross-country and downhill skiing, dog sled and snowmobile rides, arts and crafts sessions, campfires and hot-dog roasts.

◆ QB Shaun King celebrated the holiday season with approximately 40 families whose children attend the Childs Park Recreation Center in St. Petersburg by providing them with holiday food baskets and Christmas trees. In addition, King hosted the "Evening of Jazz," an event that benefited the Boys & Girls Club of the Suncoast. Money raised during the event will provide scholarships for the Boys & Girls Clubs' summer day camps, staff support for tutoring and homework assistance, computer learning programs, field trips and other activities. The funds will

Baton Rouge resident Debra Martin and her children were able to move into their first new home with help from RB Warrick Dunn's "Homes for the Holidays" program.

also be used for building improvements to the Northside and Southside Boys & Girls Clubs in St. Petersburg.

◆ Pro Bowl S John Lynch and his wife, Linda, continued to recognize Hillsborough County's student-athletes through their partnership with the Tampa Bay Sports Commission. Through the Lynch Family Legacy Scholarship, the Lynch family and the TBSC provide financial assistance to high school students headed for college. Students nominated for the Scholarship must adhere to certain criteria, including achieving a minimum GPA and participating in interscholastic and community service activities. They must also receive letters of recommendation from teachers, coaches and/or administrators and demonstrate financial need.

◆ The Buccaneers community relations department started the NFL's only Student Advisory Board, an all-student committee that brings intelligent, motivated high school students together to perform marketing and community service projects and develop their leadership skills in preparation for continuing their education. Student Advisory Board members serve as liaisons between the Buccaneers and their schools, and are responsible for working on a community service project and developing creative techniques to promote Buccaneer spirit among fellow students.

◆ In June, Pro Bowl LB Derrick Brooks accompanied 20 members from the Ybor City, Ponce De Leon and Pine Hills (Orlando) Boys & Girls Clubs on a 12-day tour of Africa. Since October of 1999, Boys & Girls Club members who were interested in earning a spot on the journey have been studied Africa's culture and history during bimonthly workshops held at the participating Boys & Girls Clubs. They were required to complete a variety of assignments that test their knowledge of Africa, and students who earned high grades on their assignments and exhibited good behavior had the opportunity to take the trip with Brooks. The "Africa 2000" trip marked the fourth educational journey made by the Brooks' Bunch, a group Brooks formed at Tampa's Ponce De Leon Boys & Girls Club four years ago. Past Brooks' Bunch trips have included tours of Washington, D.C., Atlanta and Ft. Lauderdale.

Safety John Lynch greets young football players and cheerleaders during the Boys & Girls Club jamboree.

◆ K Martin Gramatica opened the doors to a new Village House in the Oak Ridge community in Orlando. Operated by the Center for Drug-Free Living's

Prevention Division, Village Houses are supervised, safe havens and activity centers for neighborhood children. Gramatica paid for all start-up costs including tables, chairs, books, crafts and games for 15-25 students. Each Village House takes a special name to reflect a strong community value. Gramatica chose "Casa de Amor" or "Loving Home" as the name for his Village House.

Kicker Martin Gramatica builds a car out of Legos during the NFL and United Way Hometown Huddle.

◆ WR Reidel Anthony served as the official spokesperson for the "Kids Are Heroes" program, an initiative that recognizes children in the Bay area community who have performed heroic and unselfish acts. The Kids Are Heroes program rewards students ages 5-18 from Hillsborough, Hernando, Pasco and Polk counties who have demonstrated such heroic deeds as setting a good example for their peers, performing a selfless act, displaying compassion when another person or animal is in need or putting someone else's needs before their own.

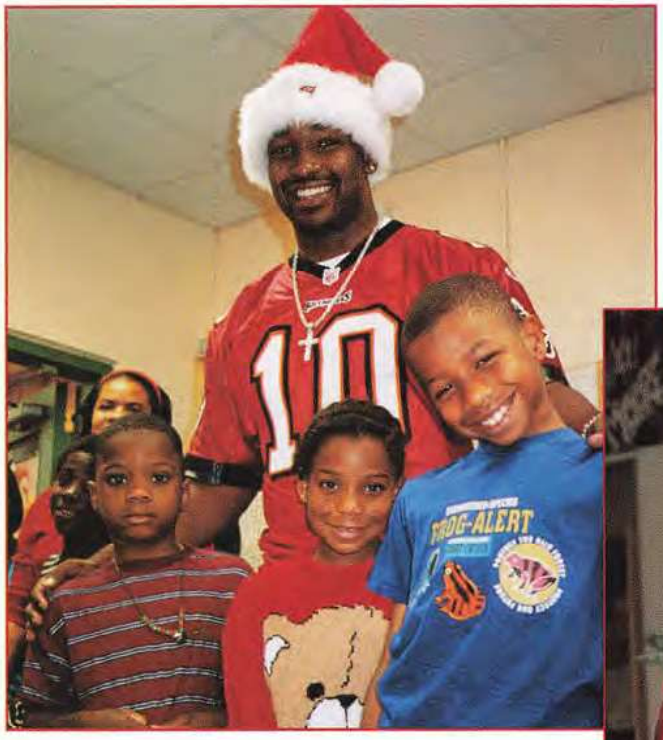
◆ LBs Derrick Brooks and Shelton Quarles, K Martin Gramatica and DE John McLaughlin visited the Tampa United Methodist Centers' Rosa Valdez Early Intervention Center during the inaugural "NFL & United Way Hometown Huddle." The Buccaneers spent the morning playing with and reading to the children at the at-risk daycare facility before giving the center's playground a facelift with some painting, mulching and carpentry work. The event was one of many community service projects that took place in all NFL communities across the country. The national community outreach initiative marked the first time players from each of the 31 NFL teams teamed up on one designated day to participate in hands-on volunteer projects with United Way-funded agencies.

◆ G Frank Middleton participated in the Campbell's Chunky Linemen Weigh-In, a local component of Campbell Soup's "Tackling Hunger 2000" program that benefits food banks nationwide. Middleton represented the Bucs' offensive linemen during the event when his weight was measured in actual cans of Campbell's Chunky Soup on a scale that looked like an over-sized spoon. For each pound the entire Buccaneers' starting offensive line weighed, Campbell's Soup donated one can of soup to the Divine Providence Food Bank.

◆ DE/DT Tyoka Jackson teamed up with Florida Blood Services to sponsor four blood and bone marrow drives. Bay area residents who donated blood or marrow during one of Jackson's drives were automatically entered into a lottery system that gave them the chance to win a pair of Buccaneers home game tickets. Jackson donated 12 pairs of tickets to each regular season Buccaneers home game.

◆ S John Lynch hosted the youth football jamboree and field dedication ceremony at the North Tampa Boys & Girls Club. The jamboree, which involved all 16 area Boys & Girls Club teams, marked the first game that was played at the North Tampa club since the football field was completely refurbished through the NFL Community Football Fields Program. With NFL Charities' $75,000 donation, the club's football complex received new P.A., lighting and irrigation systems. In addition, the field was re-designed and the playing surface was upgraded to NFL regulation size and given a softer base to help prevent injuries.

◆ The Buccaneers sponsored "Bank of America Buccaneers One on One," an annual event designed to



Several St. Petersburg families received Christmas trees and holiday food baskets from their favorite Buccaneer, QB Shaun King.

bring together Buccaneers fans and players in a fund-raising effort that benefits several Tampa Bay charities. During Bank of America Buccaneers One on One, Buccaneers players interacted with fans in a variety of games and contests. Each Buccaneers player manned his own booth, and fans had the opportunity to participate with the players in their chosen activities at each station. Players who participated in the interactive games included FB Mike Alstott, RB Warrick Dunn, K Martin Gramatica, S John Lynch, TE Dave Moore, WR Karl Williams and T Jerry Wunsch. The proceeds generated through the event were distributed among charities such as Big Brothers/Big Sisters, All Children's Hospital, Circle of Friends, Metropolitan Ministries, Shriners Hospital, the Warrick Dunn Fund, the United Way, the Tampa Bay Sports Commission and the Mike Alstott Fund.

◆ The Buccaneers hosted an NFL-high number of charitable groups and school children at every home game as part of the game day ticket program. Buccaneers who hosted groups were Owner/President Malcolm Glazer, Head Coach Tony Dungy, Defensive Backs/Assistant Head Coach Herman Edwards and the Buccaneers Secondary, WRs Karl Williams, Jacquez Green and Reidel Anthony, S John Lynch, LB Derrick Brooks, FB Mike Alstott, DT Brad Culpepper, T Jerry Wunsch, S Damien Robinson, TE Dave Moore, DE/DT Tyoka Jackson, and CB Donnie Abraham.

◆ S Damien Robinson serves as a mentor to the young men who reside at the Leslie Peters Halfway House in Tampa. Robinson makes frequent visits to the center, provides tickets to all Buccaneer home games and hosted a Christmas party for the young men last year.

Fullback Mike Alstott joined TE Dave Moore in hosting a holiday party for the kids who reside at the Joshua House, a home for abused and neglected children.

◆ Since 1993, several Buccaneers have served as "Big Brothers" through the Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Tampa Bay organization. WR Karl Williams, LB Shelton Quarles and Tight Ends Coach Ricky Thomas currently have little brothers.

◆ FB Mike Alstott hosts the annual Mike Alstott Youth Football Camp, a four-day event that typically involves

350 Bay area children. Every year, underprivileged children are able to attend Alstott's camp through scholarships he provides.

◆ Several Buccaneer players and coaches have established scholarships that benefit either Bay area students or kids from that player's or coach's high school or college. Those Bucs include DE Chidi Ahanotu, LB Derrick Brooks, RB Warrick Dunn, QB Shaun King, S Damien Robinson, T Paul Gruber, S John Lynch and Defensive Backs/Assistant Head Coach Herman Edwards.

◆ Defensive Backs/Assistant Head Coach Herman Edwards is in his 13th year hosting the Herm Edwards' Youth Football Clinic. He is the only NFL coach to host a weeklong youth football camp. The camp, which is held in California, is free of charge, typically attracts over 400 children, and features an end-of-camp banquet and an auction that raises money for academic scholarships.

◆ DT Brad Culpepper hosts an annual golf tournament each off-season that benefits The Children's Miracle Network at Shands Hospital in Gainesville. Culpepper also works closely with Shriners Hospitals for Children and donated $36,000 over the past two years to the facility located at the University of South Florida.

◆ In an effort to assist their favorite charities through funding and creative programming, RB Warrick Dunn, FB Mike Alstott, QB Shaun King, LB Derrick Brooks and T Jerry Wunsch have funds in their names through the Community Foundation of Tampa Bay.

◆ CB Floyd Young serves as a mentor to the young men who reside at Faulkenberg Academy. He visits them on a regular basis and talks to them about such topics as improving self-esteem and making positive changes in their lives.

◆ Kicker Martin Gramatica and P Mark Royals participated in the "Kick Illiteracy" effort in Orlando. The players spent a morning with 30 children ages 3-5 at Orlando's Shining Star Day Care Center reading stories and leading arts and crafts lessons. To highlight the visit and reinforce the message of learning to read, the players presented each child with a new, autographed book to keep. Royals is a long-time supporter of illiteracy prevention. He has sponsored book drives and made guest appearances throughout Hillsborough County's public school system.

After touring Washington, D.C. in 1999, LB Derrick Brooks and the "Brooks' Bunch" toured Africa for two weeks this past June.

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Raymond James Stadium

A new era in Tampa Bay sports opened on September 20, 1998, when the Tampa Bay Buccaneers defeated the Chicago Bears, 27-15, in the inaugural event at Raymond James Stadium. Two seasons later, the Bucs could boast a 13-3 mark at Raymond James Stadium, plus one playoff victory. The culmination of three years of intense research, development and construction, Raymond James Stadium is a combination of the finest elements of modern stadium design and its own groundbreaking innovations. Referred to as "The Crown Jewel of the NFL" by league insiders, the stadium's features are centered around one concept – enhancing each fan's experience at a Buccaneer game.

Raymond James Stadium was designed by HOK Sports Facilities Group and constructed under the joint management of Huber, Hunt & Nichols and Metric Constructors. It is administered by the Tampa Sports Authority and includes among its tenants the Tampa Bay Buccaneers of the National Football League, the Tampa Bay Mutiny of Major League Soccer and the University of South Florida football team.

The $168.5 million facility was primarily financed by a half-cent sales tax for community investment purposes that was approved by voters on September 3, 1996. A Florida sales tax rebate also funded the stadium construction, as did a portion of a tourist development tax. The remainder of the the stadium's finances were provided by Buccaneers Owner/ President Malcolm Glazer. Bryan Glazer and Joel Glazer, team executive vice presidents, oversaw stadium design and were responsible for the stadium's unique fan enhancements.

Buccaneer Cove

In an effort to expand and enhance the overall game experience at Raymond James Stadium, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers constructed a $3 million pirate ship extravaganza in the north end zone terrace and named it Buccaneer Cove. Buccaneer Cove encompasses 20,000 square feet and runs the entire length of the end zone concourse and features a weathered, two-story fishing village facade from which a variety of stadium concessions are offered. Scattered throughout the area are a variety of beach hut kiosks offering additional concessions and other game enhancements.

The centerpiece of Buccaneer cove is the majestic, 103-foot-long pirate ship, an authentic replica of an early 1800's pirate ship and arguably one of the most recognizable stadium features in the world.

The most menacing aspect of the pirate ship is its massive 9'x7' skull and crossed swords facing the playing field, with huge, glowing red eyes and a mouth that breathes smoke. Additionally, eight cannons celebrate Buccaneer touchdowns by releasing thunderous cannon blasts, smoke, confetti, mini-footballs and a variety of Bucs merchandise. The ship also features working rigging and crew to raise and lower its huge 32'x50' sails. The ship weighs 43 tons, stands 78' high and includes 700 yards of sails.

Ticket Information

Tickets for all Buccaneer home games are available at the Buccaneer Ticket Office in Tampa, Florida, located on Westshore Avenue north of Boyscout Boulevard. The ticket office may be reached by phone at (813) 879-2827 or (800) 282-0683 and over a TTY line for hearing-impaired guests at (813) 879-0386. Office hours from Monday through Friday are 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tickets purchased at the Buccaneer Ticket Office may be paid for with Visa, MasterCard, American Express or cash.

Single-game tickets are available through Ticketmaster outlets and online at Ticketmaster.com. If tickets remain available on game day, they will be sold at Raymond James Stadium ticket booths at the south end of the stadium beginning at 9 a.m.

Single-game Buccaneer tickets are available in four price ranges, as shown by the accompanying color-coded charts. Several sections are sold out for the 2000 season through season-ticket sales and are not available on a game-by-game basis.

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(813) 879-2827
(800) 282-0683

Ticketmaster

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St. Petersburg/Clearwater
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Bay area locations include Publix, selected Spec's Music stores, the Florida State Fairgrounds, Tampa Theater, Bayfront Center and the USF Sun Dome.

Color coding refers to above diagram

- 2000 Season Tickets: $564, 2000 Single Game: $60
- 2000 Season Tickets: $314, 2000 Single Game: $34
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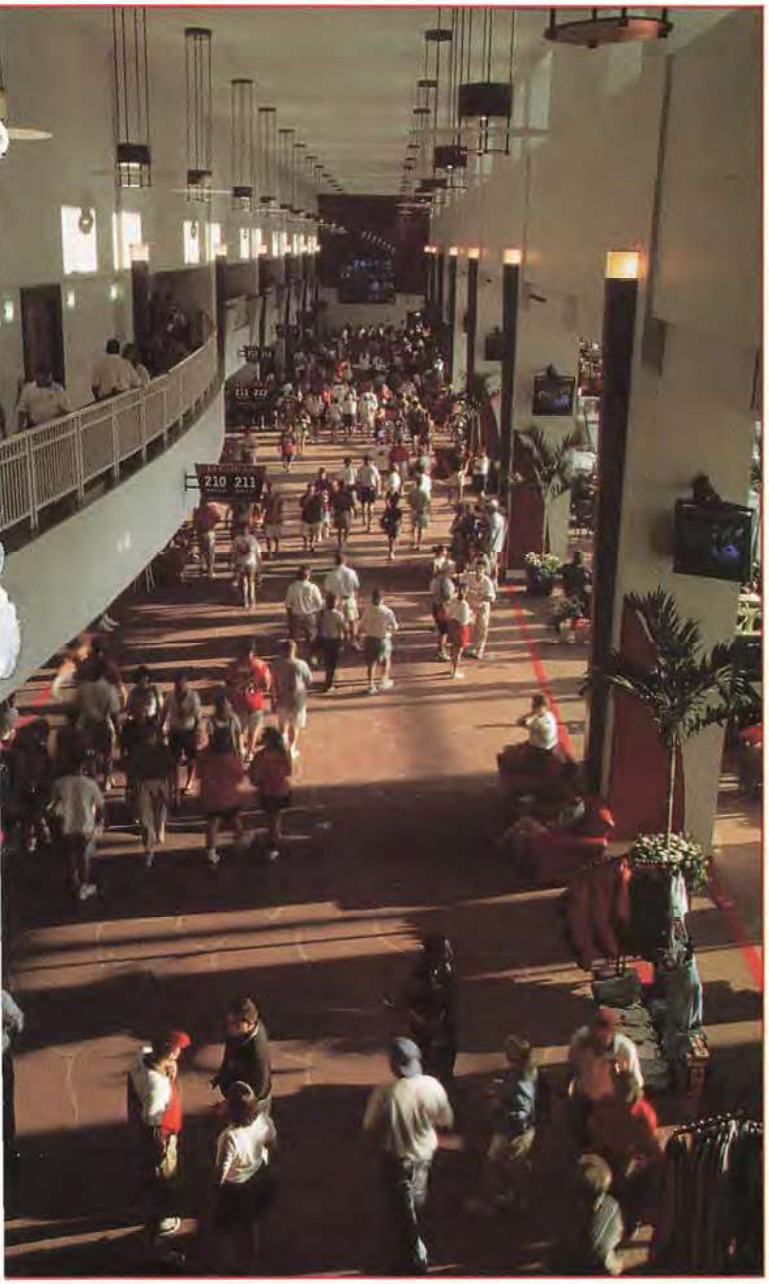
- 2000 club seats



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Stadium Enhancements

Raymond James Stadium was designed with numerous features to enhance each fan's experience at a Buccaneer game. Following are some of the special amenities that make Tampa Bay's stadium one of the most comfortable and exciting sports venues in the nation.

General Seating: After 22 years of watching Buccaneer football from bench seating, Tampa Bay fans now comfortably settle into individual seats, measuring 19-21" wide and with 32-33" from one seat back to the next. Overall, Raymond James Stadium holds over 66,000 fans, 52,000 of which are in general seating. There are up to 650 wheelchair-accessible seats located in all sections, not just the end zones. Seats in all sections also feature cupholders.

Club Seats: Raymond James Stadium also has up to 12,000 club seats, a modern feature that allows fans to experience Buccaneer games and entertain guests in maximum comfort. Club seats are extra-wide and padded and feature waiter service and prime sideline locations. The seats are accessible from a luxurious, air-conditioned club level that houses restaurants, sports bars, video walls, lounge seating and additional views of the field.

Luxury Suites: A total of 195 suites on three floors at mid-level along both sidelines offer absolutely the most luxurious setting to watch a Buccaneer game. Each suite has retractable glass windows, private bar and restrooms and five televisions that can carry all of the other NFL action. The suites are accessible from private elevators and also have full access to the club lounge.

Concessions: Raymond James Stadium has more than 600 points of sale for food, beverages and merchandise, a ratio of one point for every 103 seats. A wide variety of concessions are available from hot dogs and sodas to gourmet pizzas and cappucino.

Restrooms/Services: Raymond James Stadium is equipped with 60 restroom locations and a total of 972 fixtures. That ratio of one fixture for every 81 fans is an immense improvement in comfort for Buccaneer fans. The ratio for women fans is one fixture for every 70 people. There are also five first aid stations, with at least one on each level.

Escalators: An added comfort feature in Raymond James Stadium is a total of 20 escalators. With a bank of four escalators located at each corner ramp and an additional four in the club lounge, Buccaneer fans find it quick and simple to navigate the stadium.

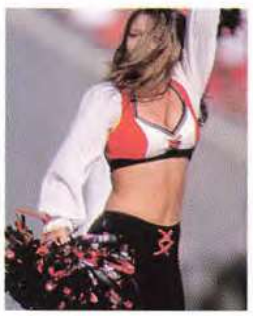
Tampa Bay Buccaneers

Cheerleaders

After being recognized as the "SwashBuclers" since the Tampa Bay Buccaneers joined the National Football League in 1976, the Buccaneers' 31-member dance team changed its name to the Tampa Bay Buccaneers Cheerleaders last season.

The squad is comprised of athletes, businesswomen, mothers and full-time college students. While not working at their jobs or performing at a home game, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers Cheerleaders are volunteering a considerable amount of time to various community organizations throughout the Bay Area. The team makes routine appearances at the Boys & Girls Club of Tampa, All Children's Hospital, United Way, American Heart Association and Shriners Hospital for Children.

Cheerleading Coordinator Carole Wood enters her third season with the Buccaneers after serving as captain and guest choreographer for the Atlanta Falcons Cheerleaders for five years. Wood will use her 20-plus years of cheerleading and dance experience to map out all the squad's pre-game and sideline dance routines, while also managing its day-to-day operations and community and corporate appearances. Under Wood's guidance, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers are committed to creating the most dynamic, exciting game-day atmosphere Buccaneers fans have ever experienced.



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The Story of the Buccaneers' Mascot

The moment he saw the ship's masts rising above the North End Zone of Raymond James Stadium, he knew he was home.

Still delirious from nearly two years adrift at sea, with a memory still foggy and blurred, the massive seaman nonetheless recognized his beloved ship. After all, its image was burned not only into his brain, but into his arm.

On June 2, 2000, the Clearwater Coast Guard rescued an unidentified, 6-2, 250-pound, bearded man from the choppy waters of Tampa Bay. Though he was suffering from amnesia and unable to tell the Coast Guard his name or origin, he remembered vaguely that he had been the powerful captain of a mighty pirate ship.

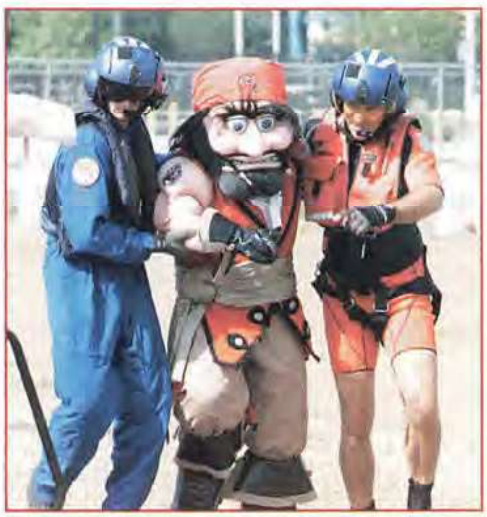
The memories slowly came back. One night while sailing his ship through an intense Carribean storm, the famous captain was thrown overboard when the vessel was struck by lightning. He stayed afloat and managed to struggle onto a makeshift raft of wood planks, but he could not locate his ship in the furious storm. Amazingly, he had been adrift at sea ever since. His ship, meanwhile, drifted to shore off Tampa Bay, damaged but still seaworthy. It was rebuilt and docked permanently in Buccaneer Cove in Raymond James Stadium.

As they helped the huge seafarer regain his bearings, the Coast Guard recognized that same ship on the tattoo on the pirate's arm. They returned him to his ship in Buccaneer Cove the next day, and the overjoyed captain took up residence on the ship and vowed never again to be separated from his vessel. Now, he lives in the captain's quarters of the Pirate Ship and uses the ship's crow's nest to keep watch over Tampa every night.

As he regained his strength and fell back into his role as captain of the ship, memories of his life flooded back. For instance, he recalled...

- his favorite food: Checkers hamburgers, though he also greatly enjoys seafood (that is, he sees food, and he eats it). It didn't take him long to pack all that muscle back on his frame.
- his favorite drink: Coke, of course. Two years of seawater was quite enough, thank you.
- his favorite play: Pirates of the Penzance
- his favorite movie: Jaws. However, he much prefers seeing it at his local AMC theater, as opposed to up-close and personal while adrift on the seas.
- his favorite 'leisure' activity: Lifting weights. Now that he's permanently in Tampa Bay, the seaman prefers to work out at least three days a week with the Buccaneer players. Mike Alsott, who is similarly musclebound, is often his lifting partner.

What the captain does not remember, however, is his name. With all hope of that detail returning to his mind, he has agreed to take whatever name Buccaneer fans choose for him, for he has taken it upon himself to serve as the team's official mascot. This summer, there will be a naming contest over the internet to determine just what we'll call Tampa Bay's own great captain of the sea. Once he has been given his new name, the seafarer's great ordeal will finally be complete.



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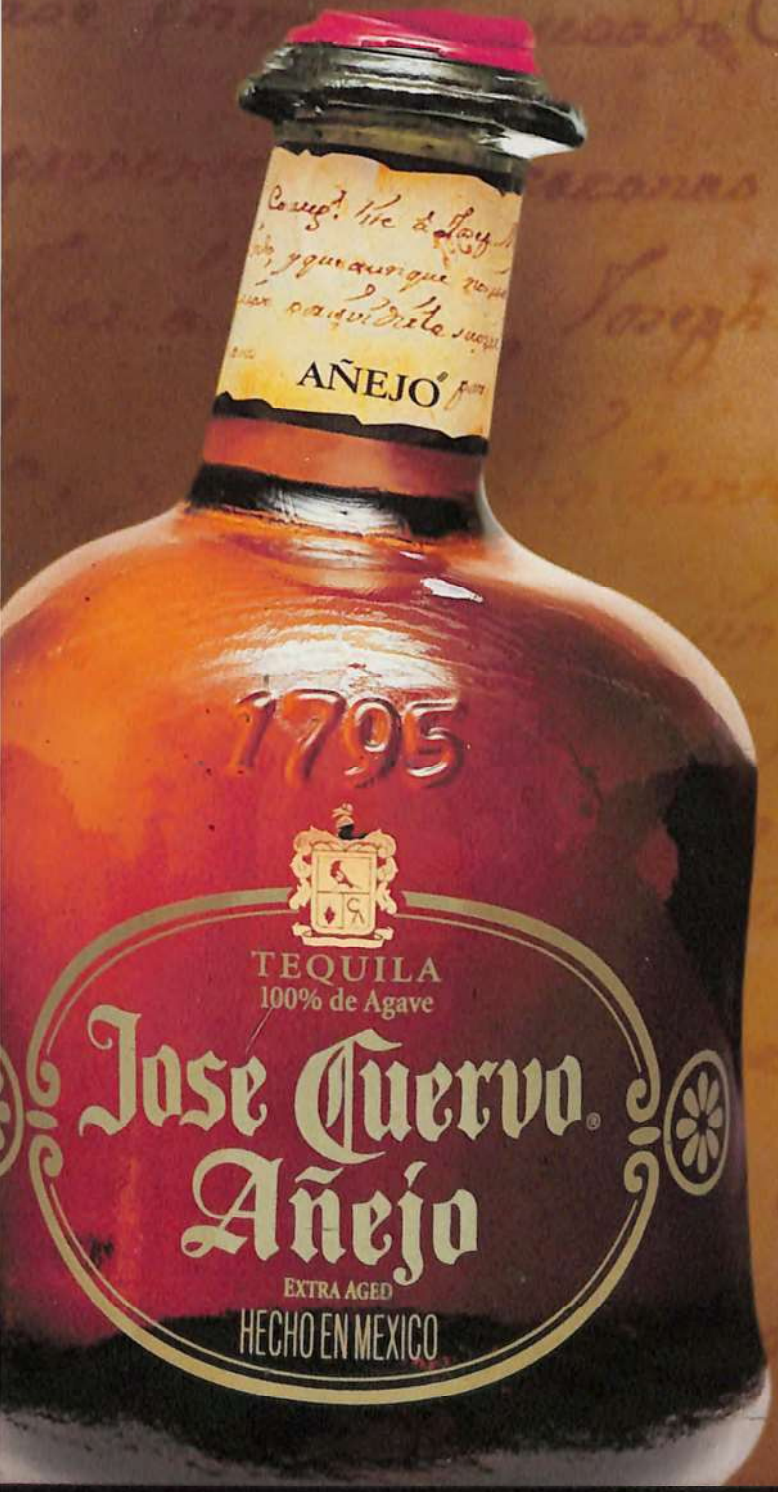

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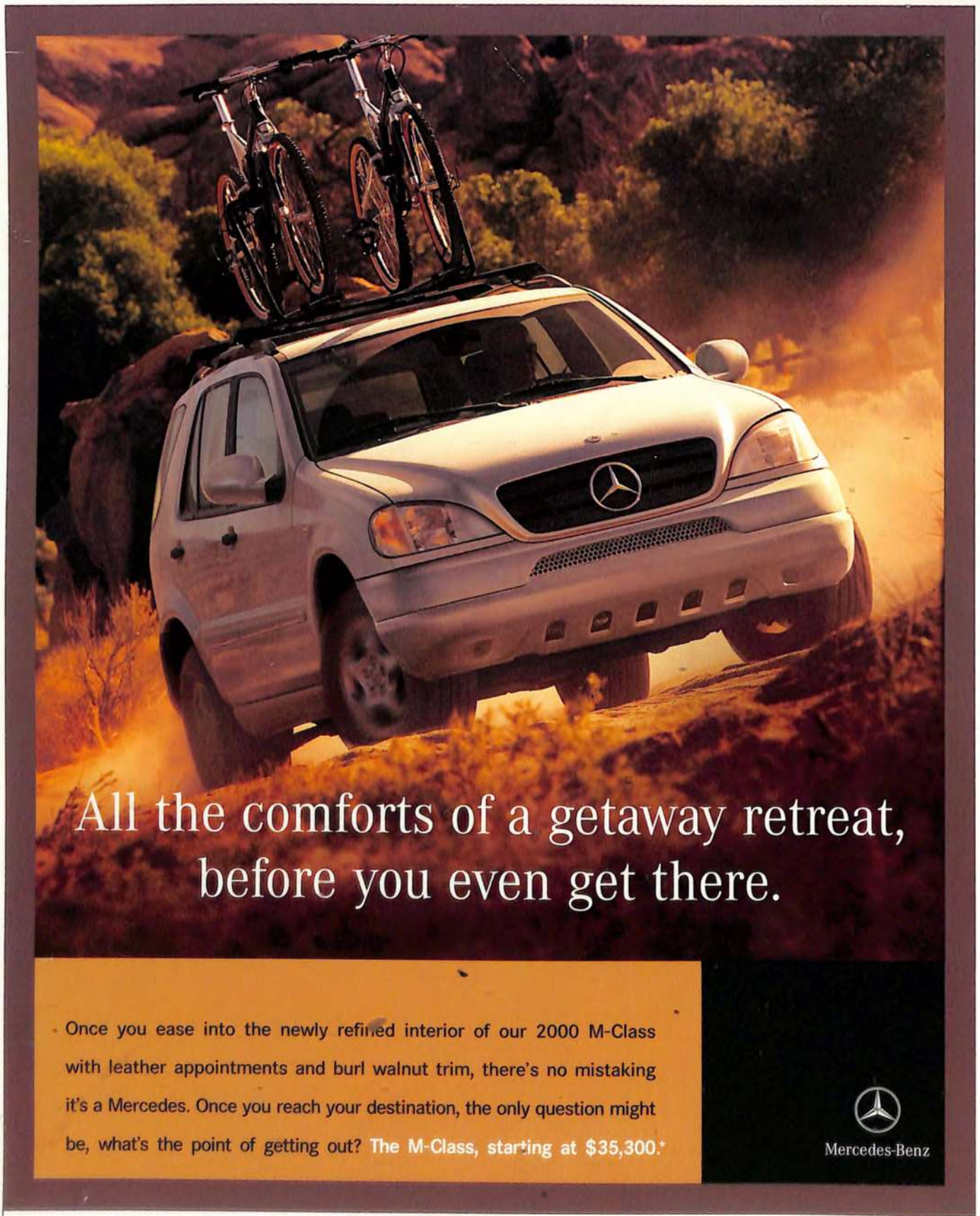

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